

# World Reformation Activities of the Dark God — Loving Humans So Much, I Reincarnated in One —

Arc 9: Water God Hero

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## Chapter 278: The late arriving idol

“God Hero?! What’s that?!”

The water hero Celestis-chan exclaimed.

We were still in Muspelheim.

In this city, where it hasn’t been long since it had repelled the raid of the Demon Lord Michael, Celestis-chan has arrived. The reason is obviously to help in fighting the Demon Lord.

But because Hydra Ville is slightly faraway from Muspelheim, by the time Celestis-chan arrived, everything had ended a long time ago.

“Our nations are truly far away from each other in a half-baked way~.”  
(Celestis)

Celestis-chan says this to Mirack-chan who was still lying on the hospital bed.

“If it were as close as the Apollon City of Karen-chi, I could have appeared in the battle against the Demon Lord and presented him with a Water Wrath... It is that, right? The one who attacked you was the fire Demon Lord, right? It is the perfect opponent against me! To think I would let the most delicious spotlight scene escape!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan swings her fists as if she truly regretted this.

As expected of Celestis-chan who is working as a hero and idol as a side job. She has an incredible showbiz spirit.

By the way, Sasae-chan and Hyue-chan, who were even further away from us, had received a call in the middle that the Demon Lord had been driven away and returned to their cities.

When I think about that, it makes me think that Celestis-chan’s location is actually the most half-baked one.

“You say that, idiotic idol...” (Mirack)

The injured Mirack-chan speaks out as if she had already had enough of this.

This is a hospital room.

Mirack-chan was hospitalized due to the injuries she received from the battle with the Demon Lord.

“A Demon Lord is not an opponent you can do something against with just the elemental affinity. In the first place, the amount of divine power they possess is on a whole different realm. A slight advantage in elements would get pushed back with pure raw strength.” (Mirack)

“W-What’s with that all-knowing tone you have? Just because you were the first one to fight a Demon Lord. Are you the kind of precocious girl that boasts on her other female friends after having her first time?!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan has actually encountered the Demon Lords as well, so what came out from her mouth was jeering rather than actual objections.

Moreover, Mirack-chan didn’t ride on the jeering of Celestis-chan at all and said in a pretty serious way...

“As I thought, in order to fight against the Demon Lords, we can only rely on the God Hero mode. The new strength provided to us heroes...” (Mirack)

And was analyzing the situation.

I feel like after the fight with the Demon Lord, Mirack-chan’s atmosphere has changed...

“...Wait, hm? Oi, Celestis! Who are you saying is boasting about her first experience?! You are an idol, and yet, you can only banter in such a dirty manner?!” (Mirack)

“Shad up! Don’t go reacting so late! More importantly, that thing you mentioned! You said that at first as well!” (Celestis)

What?

“God Hero, the God Hero! What in the world is that?!” (Celestis)

Ah.

We finally went back to that talk huh.

“Wait, Karen-chi?! You also know about this God Hero thing?!” (Celestis)

“Ah, yes. You see...” (Karen)

Since coming here, I finally got my existence acknowledged.

Actually, I have been here from the very beginning.

Apollon City is closer to Muspelheim than Celestis-chan’s place, so I was able to arrive here faster than anyone, but when I arrived, it was already at the end of the battle, and it was practically settled.

Even with that, the Aurora Knights and I were of use by doing the cleaning up though.

When we had finished that and I was thinking of returning, Celestis-chan appeared and had completely lost my timing to leave.

Leaving that aside...

“About the God Hero talk, right.” (Karen)

God Hero; that is the ray of hope that has been provided to humanity.

Suddenly appearing in this absolutely despairing situation where we are cornered by the Demon Lords; the trump card to fight against them.

“By assimilating a part of a God, we heroes become one with that God power. That is a God Hero.” (Karen)

“That power is most likely a hundred times stronger than in your normal state. I received the blessing of the Fire God Nova-sama and became the fire God Hero. With that, I managed to fight on even grounds against the Demon Lord Michael. Before that, with just a single glare of the Demon Lord, I couldn’t even move properly.” (Mirack)

It is paining, but in reality, just by being hit by the pressure of the Demon Lords, the freedom of our whole body is taken away.

But maybe because Mirack-chan and I have become God Heroes once already and became able to fight the Demon Lords equally, we are now able to move freely without being hit by the pressure of the Demon Lords even in normal form.

“Geez. It is unfair that Mirack-chi is the only one getting the good stuff~.

Receiving such a special power from the Fire God-sama only~. Why are the other Gods not helping us?” (Celestis)

Even after Celestis-chan finished listening to the explanation, she was still dissatisfied.

“Don’t you think so as well, Karen-chi? It should be fine for us to receive the blessing of our Gods as well to fight the Demon Lords. We also have the motivation, you know? As long as we are given the power, we will defeat them one after the other. Isn’t that right, Karen-chi?” (Celestis)

“.....”

“Karen-chi?” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan was asking for my agreement as a comrade that can’t become a God Hero, but I only returned silence. And the sharp Celestis-chan immediately caught on.

“...Sorry. I have already become a Light God Hero.” (Karen)

“Karen-chi?!” (Celestis)

The one I fought in my God Hero form was not a Demon Lord though.

The light power that was overflowing through my whole body was certainly something that can’t be compared to anything before.

With this power, we can definitely defeat the Demon Lords. The moment I became the Light God Hero, I thought that.

This Demon Lord battle that I felt was only despairing had been shone a ray of hope.

And there was one person that was late in riding that flow...

“So unfair!! Karen-chi and Mirack-chi are so sneaky!! Am I the only God Hero virgin here?!” (Celestis)

“Don’t call it God Hero virginity!” (Karen)

I don’t want that kind of logic!!

“Why is it that the Light Goddess-sama and the Fire God-sama are the only ones that are all sweet on their humans?! They are way too overprotective! .....

No, wait..." (Celestis)

Celestis-chan seems to have noticed something.

"If you can become a God Hero by receiving the blessing of a God, then if I were to get a blessing from a God as well, I can become the Water God Hero, right? Water God Coacervate-sama!" (Celestis)

The idol headed to the window and pokes out her head as she yelled.

"The God Coacervate-sama that is worshipped by the Water Church! Your hero implores you! Make me a God Hero as well! Into a Water God Hero! Let me get rid of my God Hero virginity!!" (Celestis)

What in the world are you shouting outside the window, Celestis-chan?!

Just because she was late to the party, she has lost her calm this much. Idols must have it tough. Always being sensitive to the changes of trend.

"For now, can you please keep it quiet in the hospital room?" (Mirack)

The injured Mirack-chan had a bitter expression.

## Chapter 279: Noisy

As they say, having three women is a crowd.

Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan, and I; it has been quite a while since us three have been gathered. I know that we have to go back to our cities as heroes, but my butt couldn't leave the seat.

I end up staying longer.

Celestis-chan opened up a pastry bag without asking and begins to eat it on top of the bed Mirack-chan is lying.

"It feels as if it has been quite a while since we have been together like this."  
(Celestis)

Celestis-chan felt the same way as me.

"...Right. In the past, we were rivals, and the only times we met each other was in the battlefield. I didn't think we would be able to reunite in such a pleasant manner." (Mirack)

"What is the most antagonistic one in the group saying? Getting ahead of yourself there." (Celestis)

"I still have antagonism exclusively for you, you know?" (Mirack)

This exchange between Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan has already become the usual.

If Sasae-chan and Hyue-chan were here, it would be perfect though.

We were currently absorbed in our training to fight against the Demon Lords at our respective cities, so we haven't seen each other in a long time.

To think that we would not meet each other for so long after making the Hero Alliance official...

It naturally increased the amount of things we talked about.

The talks about the God Hero and Demon Lords were in a reasonable amount as we talked about a variety of other things.

“Now that I think about it, Karen-chi and Mirack-chi, in the time I haven’t seen you two, what have you two been doing in your cities?” (Celestis)

First of all is a report on our recent state.

“We have been doing a hero show together with the cow around the province.” (Mirack)

“We crushed Haine-san with our butts.” (Karen)

“Hm?” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan moved away her hair as if she was doubting her ears, but she soon changed gears and...

“Oh well, that’s fine. More importantly, me! Listen to what I have been doing at Hydra Ville! Listen!” (Celestis)

“Huh? You must have ignored your training as a hero and continued with your idol stuff, right?” (Mirack)

“Ding ding! Correct! That’s exactly right!!” (Celestis)

“I said it sarcastically though...” (Mirack)

Celestis-chan, in whatever the time it is, she is always the same old Celestis-chan.

“But this time it is different from the usual! That’s because the five Grand Nations tour of the idol hero Celes-tan has been planned!!” (Celestis)

““Is that so...””

Mirack-chan and I did our best to bring out a reaction.

Apollon City, Muspelheim, Hydra Ville, Ishtar Blaze, Rudras Ville; these five cities where the five Grand Churches are can be called the biggest cities in the world.

Having a tour in the cities of these five Grand Churches must be a great enterprise for an idol.

Is that the reason why Celestis-chan’s breathing is rough?

“Until now, because of the five Churches not getting along well, it was

impossible to make a live performance in other cities, but thanks to Karen-chi and Haine-chi, the Churches have now joined hands, and it is now possible to do so!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan rejoices.

I will be repeating myself here but, this is a hospital room.

“There’s a lot to the Hero Alliance, don’t you think! In the times when my idol activities were thought of as proselytizing for the Water Church, I didn’t even dream something like this would be possible!” (Celestis)

“Well, a hero is working as an idol, so it can’t be helped you think in that way.” (Mirack)

The hero is basically the face of the Church after all.

“My activities as an idol have been completely detached from the Water Church thanks to the reformation, and from now on, I feel like I can act as an idol even more without feeling stiff on my shoulders!” (Celestis)

“D-Don’t forget your duty as a hero, okay?!” (Karen)

“Right right, about that, Karen-chi and Mirack-chi, I have something I want to ask you two.” (Celestis)

There’s still more?

“So, have you thought about what to do after defeating the Demon Lords?” (Celestis)

“Eh?” “Eh?”

After defeating the Demon Lords, she says?

Not that long ago we had such a difference in strength that were unable to stand up with a single glare of them though.

Even if we have obtained the hope that is the God Hero mode, isn’t this way too optimistic?

“Drawing a view of the future is an important thing to do in order to create an objective to win battles!” (Celestis)

“If you mess up even one step, it would create a death flag though.” (Mirack)

“You see, when we defeat the Demon Lords, the monsters in the whole world will be destroyed, right?” (Celestis)

“That’s, well...” (Mirack)

“When that happens, the heroes will be of no need anymore. When that happens, I will also have to bid goodbye to my two roles of hero and idol. In other words, I will be concentrating on being an idol only! From the water hero that dances and sings, I will be class changing into the unwavering water songstress!!” (Celestis)

Ooh.

And there, Mirack-chan says calmly.

“Don’t you mean a water buffoon?” (Mirack)

“Huh?! In that case, how about you try the tsukkomi role?” (Celestis)

These two scatter sparks.

I can’t tell if they get along or not.

But...what to do after defeating the Demon Lords huh.

Really, what will happen to us then?

Defeating the Demon Lords means the fall of monsters as well. It is just as Celestis-chan says.

If that’s the case, we heroes whose duty is to protect the people from monsters will have finished their job.

It is not only Celestis-chan. This is an unavoidable problem for Mirack-chan, Sasae-chan, Hyue-chan, and I.

“If I stop being the light hero...” (Karen)

I would be the wife of Haine-san.

Yeah, there’s no problem at all.

“Leaving that aside, this city kind of stinks of tediousness.” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan said all she wanted to say and changed the subject herself.

She says this as she looks at the cityscape from the window of the room.

“It is right after a big battle after all. It can’t be helped that they are exhausted.” (Mirack)

The wholly injured Mirack-chan objects.

It is true that the current Muspelheim has done their all to push back the attack of Michael and are completely exhausted.

The Ignis Militant corps that serve as the military force of the Church and to maintain public order have all been injured without exception.

In order to fill that space, there’s the need to borrow the help of people in other professions, so the city can’t hide its confusion.

But the expression of the people in the city was filled with spirit.

It may have been a hard battle, but they managed to drive away the Demon Lord in the end, so they were sure it was a victory.

“A city exhausted by battle... I didn’t make it in time for the battle itself, but if I were to leave without doing anything, it would be insult to the name of Celestis-sama.” (Celestis)

“What are you saying, Celestis-chan?” (Karen)

Please don’t do anymore unnecessary things.

“If the things a hero can do have run out, then this time, it is the time for an idol to enter! The idol hero that heals the people with her singing and dancing is standing here!” (Celestis)

“Seriously, what are you planning on doing, Celestis-chan?!” (Karen)

“Isn’t it obvious?” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan says with a pose.

“A guerrilla live!!” (Celestis)

## Chapter 280: Live

“What are you saying?” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan says first what I wanted to say.

Really, what is Celestis-chan saying?

“As I said, a live!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan says this without showing a single trace of shyness.

“We will do a live! Doing a live as an idol; isn’t that a given?!” (Celestis)

I am once again experiencing how weird of an existence is the idol hero Celestis-chan.

“Right now this city...it wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that they are exhausted after surviving a battle with the Demon Lord, and their hearts are currently wasted.” (Celestis)

“No, I don’t think their hearts are wasted right now though...” (Karen)

They won the battle after all. So their spirit must be at their highs.

“And the one who can heal the heart of those people is the hero that’s at the same time an idol, me. I will become the *Anima Spiritia* whose songs will resound through the whole Milky Way!!” (Celestis) <Macross 7 reference>

I don’t understand what Celestis-chan has been saying for a while now.

“Also, since this will be the first live being performed at another city, there’s no doubt this will become the foundation for my future five nations tour! If I get a certain amount of customers from this live, it can give momentum to my live tour!” (Celestis)

Ah, I get it now.

As I thought, what Celestis-chan does always has detailed calculations in the shadows!

“Now, Mirack-chi! Since it has already been decided, let’s immediately enter preparations for the live! Cooperate here as the local hero!” (Celestis)

“Don’t joke around. Go die.” (Mirack)

Those words of Mirack-chan were a representation of her ‘No’.

“I refuse tagging along in that weird disgraceful behaviour you plan on doing, but more than that, my whole body is in tatters because of the fight with the Demon Lord, you know? Not only can’t I run or train, I can’t even get out of this bed. Everytime I want to pee, it is code red, you know.” (Mirack)

You don’t have to say that much, Mirack-chan!

“Why should I move for your sake in this state? Even if I wanted to move, I wouldn’t be able to, geez.” (Mirack)

“[Water Heal] Punch!!” (Celestis)

“Guuugh?!!” (Mirack)

Eeeeeeh?!!

The punch of Celestis-chan was nailed onto the stomach of Mirack-chan lying on the bed?!

Why did she enter such sudden violence?!

“See? You got better with that, right?” (Celestis)

“Ah, I really got better.” (Mirack)

No way!

It is true that the water divine power of Celestis-chan has the ability to heal wounds, but...!

“The Water Heal affects the water inside the body and fixes the injuries! I drove that into Mirack-chi’s body along with my punch!” (Celestis)

“Why along with a punch?” (Mirack)

“No special meaning.” (Celestis)

“You DAMN WOMAAAAAN!!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan who had now become full of energy in heart and body had lunged onto Celestis-chan.

I thought of stopping them, but in this matter, Mirack-chan is completely in

the right, so I decided on ignoring it.

“At any rate, I have healed your wounds, so you now owe me one! Return the debt by cooperating with me!” (Celestis)

“Gugh! When you say it in that way, it would be a disgrace as a hero if I were to ignore a debt!” (Mirack)

I think a pushed debt isn't one you have to repay, Mirack-chan.

“Now then, since the talk has been wrapped up, let's do the live! I will make this the first step of the idol hero Celestis into the world!” (Celestis)

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In this way, the live performance of the water hero Celestis-chan in Muspelheim had been decided.

Originally, she came as reinforcement for the important battle, but she didn't make it. On top of that, she began an event that no one asked for. Normally thinking about it, you would make a big frown.

But the Stream Marine corps that came together with Celestis-chan were able to heal the wounds of the people like Celestis-chan did, and it helped a lot in the recovery of the fire militants that were injured by the battle.

Because of that, the reinforcements of the Water Church -no matter if they didn't make it in time for the battle-were greatly welcomed, and their good impression in the people of the city rose.

But Abi Kyouka-san who was heavily injured by the Demon Lord had injuries that surpassed broken bones, so with just the water divine power, it would be hard to see it getting better, so there's the need to wait for a bone specialist from Ishtar Blaze to come here.

Leaving that aside, because of this unexpected tailwind, Celestis-chan's sudden live was proceeding smoothly.

I stopped myself from leaving the Fire capital until things have settled down and I was losing even more chances to return to Apollon City.

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“And so, I ended up coming!” (Karen)

The day of the live of Celestis-chan in Muspelheim.

But well, it hasn't even been two days since Celestis-chan had arbitrarily announced a live, so it is not like it has been long.

As expected of something that has the adjective guerrilla on it. They must have prioritized hastiness than carefulness.

Even when there was short publicity, the venue was full.

“No matter what's said, as expected, Celestis-chan's popularity is strong!” (Karen)

Hiding at the side of stage, Mirack-chan and I were watching over the state of the venue.

The live will begin soon.

Soon, Celestis-chan will appear on stage and she will throw the full house audience into the very depths of enthusiasm.

“It was announced that this is a charity and all sales will be donated after all. If you stimulate the national spirit of the citizens that rose highly because of the Demon Lord battle before, people would obviously gather.” (Mirack)

Is what Mirack-chan explains as a local.

But Celestis-chan...it looked as if she thought of it on the moment, and yet, it is so minutely planned!

“That high ability to calculate coupled with her good virtue and passion; as expected of a Water member.” (Mirack)

Hydra Ville is the number one mercantile city of the world after all.

“...Celestis-chan takes those kind of situations and makes them as much of a plus as possible, and connects this as a rise for the five nations tour!” (Karen)

“If her sales here have a good kick, it will be easier to convince things like sponsors, and the hurdle to make it happen will be lower, but seeing her safely succeed makes me somewhat pissed off.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan...are you still holding a grudge for that ‘Water Heal’ punch?

“That’s why I have prepared an assassin.” (Mirack)

Assassin?

While we were doing that, Celestis-chan appeared at the stage. With her characteristic idol smile, she heats up the people in the venue.

“Everyone~! Thanks for gathering today at the reconstruction support live of Muspelheim! I am the main personality here, the water hero! Celestis!”  
(Celestis)

A cheer of ‘Ooh!’ was returned.

“Being able to sing here at Muspelheim as a water hero is proof of the friendship between the Fire and Water Church! In order to make that friendship stronger and stronger, I will enthusiastically sing today! The first song is—!”  
(Celestis)

“Before that...”

Cutting off Celestis-chan who was getting in the mood, Mirack-chan takes the mic.

This action wasn’t in the script, so Celestis-chan and I both went ‘?’.

Without minding, Mirack-chan continues.

“Since this is a proof of friendship from the Fire Church and the Water Church...in order to make this event a success, we have prepared a special guest!” (Mirack)

“Eh?” (Celestis)

“Everyone’s friend, the Fire Cow Phalaris!!!!” (Mirack)

A single cow comes running out to the stage.

Isn’t that the Phalaris that we defeated together with Haine-san?!

And the moment that Phalaris appeared, the heat in the venue increased by several tens of times!

“UUUOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!”

“Phalaris! Phalaris!! Phalaris!!!!”

“Phalari—\*cough cough cough!\* Guh...Phalaris!!!”

That strength of cheering was not in the same level as when Celestis-chan appeared.

The spotlight of the area had been completely stolen by Phalaris.

Celestis-chan was standing stunned on the stage...

# Chapter 281: A fluffy character goes strong

And then, the live ended...

“Wow, I didn’t think it would be decided so clearly!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan, who had her plan end up in more than expected, had a truly joyous expression.

In contrast to that, at the corner of the dressing room...

“.....”

There’s a crushed Celestis-chan there.

She is curled up in a ball and sticking her forehead to her knees and muttering something.

Her voice was so low I couldn’t hear what she was saying.

There’s no glitteriness in her outfit anymore and she was enveloped in a heavy dark aura right now.

“H-Hey, didn’t you overdo it? This is the first time I have seen a Celestis-chan this down!” (Karen)

I obviously got worried and pull the clothes of Mirack-chan.

But Mirack-chan’s expression was still loose.

“She ended up like this because she underestimated being an outsider. There’s popular ones in every nation. When an away personality challenges the home of another personality, you will get turned the tables around outrageously. Don’t you think so as well?” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan, who was high on her reins, directed her gaze at the other person in the dressing room —the fire cow Phalaris-san in question.

A small monster the size of a calf was munching on the grass that was prepared in the dressing room.

“...Or more like, uhm...” (Karen)

I have not been involved with this cow since the fight at the Radona mountain

range, but what in the world happened here?

The Phalaris that I know is supposed to be a fearsome monster, and yet, why is it currently a popular figure in Muspelheim?

“Since the time it became harmless after being defeated by Haine, this guy has been really popular mainly among the children.” (Mirack)

Children do love animals after all.

“On top of that, with the raid of the Demon Lord not that long ago where he put his own body at stake to protect the humans, the already high popularity he had had now made a new breakthrough, you see. Right now, the sales of goods related to him have increased by four times. The field trip course of the Fire Church on Phalaris is a long line everyday now, and it is currently breaking several records!” (Mirack)

Moreover, I don’t think those records will be changed for a long time!

“I would say this served as a good learning experience if she is thinking about taking a step out of Hydra Ville! If you want to make it big in this Muspelheim, you have to be at least one tenth of our Phalaris!” (Mirack)

You are taunting her too much!

Mirack-chan, that’s too much!!

Just what is going on with you?! Why is Mirack-chan so bitter only at the times when she is dealing with Celestis-chan?!

“.....”

On the other hand, Celestis-chan was still muttering at the corner of the room.

Must have been quite the shock.

In this live performance outside her homeland that she thought would be perfect was all overturned by not even a human, but a cow after all.

Phalaris continues munching on grass.

“...Wrong...” (Celestis)

“Eh?”

“I was...wrong.” (Celestis)

The volume had finally risen enough for me to actually be able to hear Celestis-chan.

“...Being fawned over for being an idol or a hero, I thought of that as my own popularity and got over myself!” (Celestis) “No, uhm...there’s no need to deny yourself that much...!”

“It is true that I was a frog that didn’t know of the ocean. To think a fluffy animal character would be able to get this much popularity! I have noticed it today. I have received a revelation!” (Celestis)

“Eh?!”

“This era is about animals—no, it is about fluffy characters! Idols are already a thing of the past!!” (Celestis)

Eeeeeeeeh?!

“I will quit being an idol and become a fluffy character!! Please, Phalaris-san!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan prostrated to the cow?!

“Please make me your disciple! Please make me a great fluffy character!!” (Celestis)

““Wait wait!!””

Both Mirack-chan and I were struck senseless by this and ended up going over to Celestis-chan.

“What are you saying, Celestis-chan?! If you end up as a fluffy character, not only will you be quitting as an idol, it would mean quitting as a human!” (Karen)

“That’s right, Celestis! Did I overdo it?! I apologize, so please don’t begin anything weird!!” (Mirack)

And desperately tried to do a follow-up, but the situation was more serious than expected.

“I don’t wanna! I will also become a cow! If a cow is the trend, I will become a cow! I will also get big boobs, so it should be two birds with one stone, right?!”

(Celestis)

“A Holstein?!” (Karen)

Or more like, there’s no need to go so low, Celestis-chan!

Please don’t wish for the impossible!

“Mirack-chan!” (Karen)

I reflexively let out a strict voice on Mirack-chan.

The person herself had her shoulders jump like a child being scolded.

“...No well, uhm, I was just thinking about teaching this Celestis the difficult path of outside tours!” (Mirack)

“Enough about that! Apologize!” (Karen)

When I said this, Mirack-chan grabbed the shoulders of Celestis-chan.

“Celestis! I am truly sorry! It is that, you see... No matter what others say, I like your idol self, you know?” (Mirack)

“...Really?” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan reacted!

I have to ride the flow as well!

“That’s right! I also love the idol Celestis-chan! Mirack-chan and I will always be cheering for you!” (Karen)

“That’s right! We are your eternal fans!” (Mirack)

When we said that, Celestis-chan snorted her bright red nose and hugged us both.

“Uwuuuu! I also love you two~~!! We will always always be friends, okay?!”  
(Celestis)

We had no choice but to return the strong hug of Celestis-chan with strength.

What’s with this development?

The only one seeing us three desperately hugging each other from an outsider perspective was Phalaris who is in the same room as us.

For some reason, I heard a voice resonate directly in my head.

(...What's with this development?)

Moreover, it was in a tone as if shuddering.

## Chapter 282: Harmless talk

“...But you know, I think there’s something to learn about fluffy characters.”  
(Celestis)

Celestis-chan had finally regained her usual pace and said this in a calm tone as she analyzes it —while holding grass and feeding Phalaris-san herself.

“In essence, the animal types are strong in this field. There’s practically no children who hate them after all, and they are easy to make into cute cartoonish designs, so they are good for commerce as well... What a bummer. The more I think about it, the less openings I find. To think the Fire Church that I thought was filled with muscle idiots had such a commercial strategy going on.”  
(Celestis)

Celestis-chan says: ‘The simple fact that I was able to realize this has made it worth to have a live here’, as she bites her lips.

...But Phalaris-san is more of an occurrence after a chain of events, so I feel it wouldn’t be a good idea to take as reference...

By the way, in the corner of goods sales of the live, there were many Phalaris-san goods; Phalaris stuffed toys (S, M, L, XL), badges, keyholders, letter set, pencil box, Phalaris figurines (all five types), Phalaris trading cards (all 70 cards), Phalaris body pillow covers, 1/100 scale Phalaris plastic models (event limited color edition).

All of them had a killing in their sales the moment they were opened, and the fire members must have gotten quite flustered by that.

“Now that it has come to this, there’s no choice but to ride on that flow! We Water Church will also develop our own fluffy character!!” (Celestis)

It is good that Celestis-chan has regained her energy, but she once again said whatever she thought of.

When I look at my side, Mirack-chan also had a face of ‘this woman is once again saying whatever she thinks of...’.

“A dreamlike collaboration between the new fluffy character of the Water

Church and the idol Celestis-chan! It won't be a simple 1+1=2; it will be a 200! It will be a hundred times stronger, a hundred times!!" (Celestis)

"I won't be retorting anymore, got it?" (Mirack)

But Celestis-chan really has shocking levels of aggressiveness when it comes to entertainment.

Even in the live just now, Phalaris-san had taken away all the spotlight, and yet, she quickly moved to assisting and finished it with a bottomline success.

This surprising level of professionalism, just from where is she bringing all that out?

"When talking about a fluffy character of the Water Church, it would definitely have to be a character involving water, right? Water Lad-kun? Water Lifesaver-kun? Swimmer-kun? Wawater-kun?" (Celestis)

"How about Fire Lad?" (Mirack)

"Wait, Mirack-chi! What are you joining the brainstorming for?! You already have a successful subject that's Phalaris-kun, so be satisfied with that!" (Celestis)

"Isn't it fine to have a second fluffy character?" (Mirack) "Like hell it is fine! Get pulled by your greed and fail!!" (Celestis)

...

While watching over the bickering of those two, I...

"...What about Kotaro-kun?" (Karen)

Yeah, no way.

Let's close Kotaro-kun inside of my mind.

"Isn't Kotaro-kun nice?" (Celestis)

"I think it is nice with Kotaro-kun." (Mirack)

"They heard me?!!!!" (Karen)

They jumped right onto it!

"Hey hey Karen-chi, this talk just now, can I use it for the live talk that's

coming next?” (Celestis)

“No way that’s okay!” (Karen)

Just leave Kotaro-kun as my own delusion please!!

...Damn it.

Celestis-chan was so crushed just a few moments ago, and yet, why is it that she is so fast in recovering?

Isn’t she already bursting in energy!

“But...with a suddenly thought character like that, it wouldn’t be able to stand against Phalaris-san who already has a rockfirm standing! Rather than a Kotaro-kun that has no background to it, a character with an existing foundation would be more desirable.” (Celestis)

Stop! Don’t insult Kotaro-kun~!

“Right! I have thought of something good!” (Celestis)

“Let’s hear it.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan was already in a blank state.

“For the entertainment of now on, a fluffy character is necessary! But in terms of achievements, it wouldn’t be enough to go against the pioneers! In that case, it is fine to just use someone, that already has achievements, as a fluffy character!” (Celestis)

“Continue.” (Mirack)

“In other words, I who already have achievements as an idol should become the fluffy character!!” (Celestis)

The best fluffy character was actually Celestis-chan herself becoming the fluffy character?

“Hm, isn’t it fine?” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan has already given up on thinking!

“Then, show it to us here. This fluffy Celestis you talk about.” (Mirack)

“Okay! Imma show ya all!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan shows drive and began to concentrate her whole on searching for her own fluffy character.

“I am Celestis~! Love me, love me~!” (Celestis)

And it looks like she found something strange.

“Okay, I will love you.” (Mirack)

And for a while now, Mirack-chan’s character has been weird as well.

The side that wants to be loved, and the side that loves; Celestis-chan and Mirack-chan who fulfilled the requirements on both sides hugged each other.

“...”

Well, this is something I have thought about before but, Celestis-chan might be the maximum loved character.

Her being a hero and an idol obviously comes from desires like wanting to protect the people and raising the motivation of people by dancing and singing, but at its root, there’s the desire of wanting to be loved by the people that is swirling inside Celestis-chan to the point of obsession.

It is because she wants to be loved that she can do her best.

I think that way of thinking is in no way bad as a motivation for a person.

“Mirack-chi, I love you~, I love you~.” (Celestis)

“Yes yes.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan are still hugging. I also began to feel tingly.

“I also love you a lot!” (Karen)

“Eeh, even Karen?! Oi, are we going to be hugging all three of us together?! I totally welcome that but...! Ah, the heat of the two is making my reason fly away~!!” (Mirack)

We three are now hugging each other like before.

I wonder how many times we should repeat this before we are satisfied?

The one watching over this was Phalaris-san only.

And then, I once again hear a voice resonating directly into my head.

(What's with this scene that's making my heart jump?!)

It was mixed with a shudder again.

## Chapter 283: Shadow, fire, and water

And then, after repeating exchanges between Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan, and I that would make one's brain go limp, it felt as if there was no end in sight.

"I want to say 'I love you' to Sasae-chi and Hyue-chi..." (Celestis)

"How about writing a letter?" (Mirack)

*Knock knock*

The door of the dressing room was knocked, and one girl enters the room.

"Karen-sama."

"Ah, Doraha-san." (Karen)

Dark skin and black hair; a girl that looked as if she had crawled out from the shadow of the ground itself.

"Ah, this girl..." (Celestis)

"The girl that we normally see at the Light Church..." (Mirack)

Celestis-chan and Mirack-chan are people that come pretty often to the Light Church even when they don't have much of a business there, so they remember Doraha-san.

"Karen-san, I have come to give you a report. At the goods corner, after the Phalaris goods were sold out, the Celestis goods were sold out as well."  
(Doraha)

"Seriously?! Yay!!" (Celestis)

The very first one to raise a hurray after hearing those news was Celestis-chan herself.

At the moment the sales began, they were making a killing.

It was lacking behind the Phalaris goods by a lot, but I am glad to see that her idol hero bill of sale was able to stay afoot.

“In reality, when the sales were over, the remaining goods were all bought by Captain Vesage...though.” (Doraha)

“Ah, so that person came as well.” (Karen)

His pay got better after being promoted, but is his money going to last if he does such reckless buys like that?

Let’s believe in the possibility that the remaining goods of Celestis were few.

“Rather than saying he came here, it is more like, he was part of the production staff.” (Doraha)

Eh?

“Eh, didn’t you know, Karen-chi? Today’s live was made possible by the cooperation of the Aurora Knights, the Fire Militants, and the Stream Marines. Acquiring the venue, the production, the management of the sales and customers...” (Celestis)

This is the first time I heard of this.

Even in those areas there’s the cooperation of the Churches?

“My idol activities should have already been separated from the church, but this time only, it was a sudden live, so it is a special case. The light and fire people were using this chance to gather information on the know-hows of the water’s production team.” (Celestis)

““Hm?””

This not only confused me but Mirack-chan as well.

“Hey hey, by the way, Karen-chi.” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan calls me with a voice as if sounding me out.

“I have been thinking about this since a long time ago but, who’s that girl?” (Celestis)

“Who do you mean by that girl?” (Karen)

“As I said, that girl. That darkish girl that looks like she has been surfing in the summer!” (Celestis)

When she pointed that out, I immediately realized she was talking about Doraha.

Now that I think about it, have I even done a proper introduction of Doraha-san to everyone?

...I feel like I haven't.

Doraha-san being in the Light Church is due to special circumstances, so it is pretty hard to talk about that to other people though...

"T-Then, this is a good chance, so I will be introducing her, okay? This person here is Doraha-san!" (Karen)

I place my hands on the small Doraha-san and introduce her.

"Yeah." "Okay."

"..."

"....."

""That's all?!""

Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan raised their voice together.

It can't be helped, you know! There's no more information I can talk about Doraha-san!

Doraha-san was originally born in the Dark Underworld Country that prospered more than a thousand years ago.

When the Underworld country fell, she turned that anger into wrath and had her power run berserk, and ended up turning into a fiend that could swallow the whole world, so she was sealed and has lived like that until this modern era.

We ended up meeting Doraha-san by searching for the mystery of the Dark God Entropy, and fought a fierce battle. With Haine-san's power that erases everything, her berserk state was resetted, and she managed to return to the surface world after more than a thousand years.

After that, with nowhere to return to, Yorishiro-sama took over the care of Doraha-san. Now, she is the personal guard of Yorishiro-sama and a part of the Light Church.

And all of that...

“I have no confidence in properly explaining this.” (Karen)

And that’s how it is.

It was so out of norms that even if I were to say it as it is, they wouldn’t be able to understand what I am even saying.

It is not as if Haine-san and Yorishiro-sama have told me not to say anything, but it must be because they knew that even if I were to speak about it, no one would believe me.

That’s why I will persevere in the silence.

“Closing the shell? There should be no more secrets between us, right? It is fine, so spit out all you know.” (Celestis)

“Isn’t it faster to directly ask this girl rather than asking Karen? Oi, Doraha, try to introduce yourself. Where were you born in and how you ended up joining the Light Church?” (Mirack)

The two have changed their target to Doraha-san herself?! How is this going to turn out? To tell the truth, I haven’t been able to properly gauge the personality of Doraha-san...

I don’t know how she will act when interacting with people of other nations. Just what in the world will happen?!

“Don’t talk to me so casually, you filth.” (Doraha)

...The air stiffened.

“Worshippers of lower Gods like Nova and Coacervate are trying to be friendly towards Karen-sama and I? Know your place.” (Doraha)

Uwa, so it has come to this.

Now that I think about it, the Underworld Country Doraha-san lived in was destroyed by tribes that are currently the Earth, Water, Wind, and Fire Churches.

Even though she is so polite to Yorishiro-san, Haine-san, and I.

So Doraha-san was an extreme case of xenophobia.

## Chapter 284: Details of shadow

“I am truly sorry.” (Karen)

I apologize for the impoliteness of Doraha-san as her guardian.

At the same time, I now had to explain why Doraha-san hated the other churches so much, so in the end, I had to reveal her incredibly uncommon circumstances.

“Eh...so this girl is from an ancient civilization?” (Celestis)

“That explains the transient feeling this girl gives out.” (Mirack)

Celestis-chan and Mirack-chan show no unpleasantness in having being insulted.

I am stroking the head and chin of Doraha-chan who was still going ‘grrr’.

“Eh?! You believe that story just now?!” (Karen)

It is weird for me to be saying this but, it makes me worry about the health of their brain!

“Well, this would be a scenario where, normally, I would check for the alcohol levels of Karen-chi, but...” (Celestis)

“We have witnessed the outrageous power of this girl personally after all. In order to acknowledge something like that, there should be an outrageous explanation to balance it.” (Mirack)

Ah.

That was a pretty good while ago. When we met Sasae-chan for the first time.

We ended up battling Sasae-chan due to various crosses, but the one who held down Sasae-chan was not us but Doraha-san.

Using the shadow power that she obtained in the Underworld country and is now lost in the modern era.

“Golem-ready Sasae was a strong opponent even when going three against her. And yet, she overwhelmed that kind of opponent all by herself, so I thought

she was not your regular chum from way back then.” (Mirack)

“She uses a strange power like that of Haine-chi after all. Why is it that the weird people stick to the Light Church?” (Celestis)

H-Haine-san is not a strange person, you know!

In the first place, he is always doing the tsukkomi role. Being the guy that retorts is proof that he has common sense, right?!

“The Underworld Country huh. Hydra Ville has advanced decently in history research, but I have never heard of that ancient civilization.” (Celestis)

“In terms of history research, the Light Church is the number one after all. That part should be trusted..... And so, the Underworld Country was destroyed by the five Churches in the past, so she hates us as their descendants?” (Mirack)

In reality, the Light Church wasn't involved in that, so it is actually the other four Churches though.

Doraha-san went berserk at the indignation of this, became shadow itself, and was trying to swallow the whole world.

Due to the long time she was sealed, she lost her memories, but the emotions that are in the depths of her heart are driving her to hate her past enemies without a clear memory of it.

“Looks like the path of Doraha-san adapting to society is still long, Yorishiro-sama.” (Karen)

Honestly, I thought that her coming to another nation was a big step forward.

Since returning from the Underworld Country, she has always been at the side of Yorishiro-sama, or if not, at the side of Haine-san. That's how unstable Doraha-san was in the past.

After one to two months of living in Apollon City, she got used to this era little by little, and I thought that maybe she was already okay without following Yorishiro-sama and Haine-san.

Even the other day, it was out of necessity, but she guarded the unconscious Haine-san on her own.

Maybe it is finally the time to challenge travelling on her own, is what Yorishiro-sama decided.

She entrusted Doraha-san to me the day before she left together with Haine-san.

{I say that, but there's still anxiety remaining in leaving her alone, so I want to leave her in your custody, Karen-san} (Yorishiro)

Yorishiro-san told me this with a tone like that of a mother.

{We can't bring Doraha to the place we will be heading to, and right now she is an important fighting force of the church. In the time Haine-san and I are away, if Doraha were to be gone as well, I would be worried about the security of Apollon City.} (Yorishiro)

And she added.

{Doraha is pretty attached to Karen-san as well, so if Karen-san stays by her side, I would also be able to have peace of mind-desu wa. In the time Haine-san and I are absent, please protect Apollon City together with Doraha.} (Yorishiro)

Then left! Together with Haine-san!!

And they are still missing!!

I don't know where they went, but that's unfair Yorishiro-sama! What happened to the agreement of loving Haine-san together?!

...There are a mountain of things I want to complain about, but right now I have to swallow it and worry about Doraha-san.

Doraha-san is currently being stroked by Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan on her head and chin, but even with that, she was still intimidating them with a 'grrrrr'.

"Hnng..." (Doraha)

Eh?

"Grrrrrrrr!!" (Doraha)

As I thought, Doraha-san was growling. But is it my imagination that I heard her sound in pleasure?

“But I am surprised that Karen-chi has brought such an important fighting force all the way here together to Muspelheim.” (Celestis)

“True. If I remember correctly, that Haine and the Founder Yorishiro are absent from the Light capital, right? On top of that, if you were to come here to reinforce us with this girl, wouldn’t Apollon City be completely empty?” (Mirack)

“In our side, we had Sarasa stay, so we left the protection of the city to her and I myself went to assist in the reinforcements..... Ah, the Light nation also has their previous hero, right. Sunny...something, right?” (Celestis)

No...

Sunnysol Ates is also a complicated matter though.

It is true that it was hard to decide how much of our forces to send to the Fire Church’s request for reinforcements.

Even if Doraha’s mind and body have stabilized, there’s still insecurity in leaving her alone. But if we take into consideration the protection of the Light capital, it would also give more peace of mind if one were to go reinforce Muspelheim while the other stays.

When I was at a lost with that, the Aurora Knights’ new General, Grades-san, scolded me.

{Those Demon Lords are opponents outside our common sense. Even if we were to do our all, we wouldn’t even have a one in a billionth chance, but we would be letting that small chance escape if we don’t do our all.} (Grades)

{If they have appeared in the Fire capital, we should use all our strength to crush them. It is fine for the Light capital to have the minimum preparations. I will take the command of the defense. You people should use your all and do your own job.} (Grades)

And so, Doraha-san and I were able to head to Muspelheim.

It was practically over by the time we arrived though...

“Hoh... The new Aurora General was a guy that could make such a momentous decision like that huh.” (Mirack)

Hearing my explanation, Mirack-chan gives out a male-like impression.

“The previous General was so bad even we heard about him after all. Does that mean the Aurora Knights have finally caught up to the light hero-sama and have become a proper army?” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan was half-teasing as she congratulated the reformation of the Aurora Knights.

It is true that there were a variety of tribulations, but after overcoming them one by one, we are slowly growing more organized.

We are properly preparing for the upcoming battle.

But if I had to point one problem, it would be Doraha-san.

Being stroked by Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan...

“Hnng...” (Doraha)

Isn't she really moaning in pleasure there?

## Chapter 285: The future

“Grrrrr!” (Doraha)

She is intimidating them?

Doraha-san hates all churches aside from the Light Church, so even if Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan both stroke her, her hostility is not lowering.

Her head is being stroked and her chin is being tickled...

“Hnng Hnnng...” (Doraha)

Or maybe her hostility is decreasing?

“Eii! Stop it!!” (Doraha)

With a thunderous *Dooon!* sound, Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan were blown away.

Doraha-san’s special ability, controlling the shadows.

With that power, Doraha-san expanded her own shadow and blew them both away.

“Uoo...” (Mirack)

“Ouch ouch. I hit my butt. There’s no need to suddenly blow us away. Geez.” (Celestis)

The impact of the shadow must have been weak. Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan don’t seem to be in that much pain.

“Fool! It is you heretics’ fault for being so sticky! If you do that again, I will use all my shadow techniques to kick you to death!!” (Doraha)

Yeah, this is no good.

The world is moving to an era of harmony, and the Light Church is adopting this, and yet...

“Doraha-san.” (Karen)

“Karen-sama! These people were rude! Even though they are worshippers of

lesser Gods, they touched my body without permission!” (Doraha)

“Punishment.” (Karen)

I hit her head as lightly as possible.

“You can’t say things like ‘lesser Gods’. There’s no higher or lower in the Gods that people believe in. All of them are important Gods that look after us humans.” (Karen)

“Karen-sama... But...” (Doraha)

Her homeland was destroyed.

That anger, that hatred still continued to stay in the heart of Doraha-san even after a thousand years. The size of her indignation is not something I can even imagine in this short 16 years life of mine.

But...Doraha-san has lost her past memories, and has even forgotten the reason why she hates those Gods. To drag that hatred in that condition, there’s no way it is good.

“Yorishiro-sama is endorsing the reconciliation of the other four churches. And yet, if Doraha-san hates everyone so much, it would get in the way of Yorishiro-sama.” (Karen)

“Yorishiro-sama...” (Doraha)

I do think that it is underhanded to put it in this way to this girl that loves Yorishiro-sama, but in order to make her reflect on it, there’s no other way.

...Telling someone to do something is hard. I feel like I will have it hard when I am a mother in the future.

“...That’s not good. I have to be of use to Yorishiro-sama.” (Doraha)

“In that case, you have to get along, not only with Yorishiro-sama and Haine-san, but also the people of the other churches. And so, first of all, let’s apologize to Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan.” (Karen)

I hold the shoulders of Doraha-san and make her face the two.

“...I am sorry for blowing you away.” (Doraha)

““ ..... ””

Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan maintained silence for a while. It was as if they had lost breath, and then...

“Cuuute! This girl is cuuute!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan was the first to hug Doraha-san.

“It is as if this girl is a doggy! She doesn’t get along with other people aside from her owner and when she gets scolded, she gets all depressed! Cute cute, she is too cute!” (Celestis)

“Holding a human and calling them ‘doggy’ is no good, you thoughtless idol.” (Mirack)

And Mirack-chan continues.

“But...in this battle against the Demon Lords that continues, a hero level force is truly important. Just like Karen, I will be counting on you as well.” (Mirack)

Is what Mirack-chan said as she stroked the head of Doraha-san to a level that felt it could make smoke.

I am so glad...

Looks like it will go well with these two and Doraha-san.

If things go well with Sasae-chan and Hyue-chan as well and she is able to get along with many others, Yorishiro-sama would be a bit more relieved.

After indulging plenty in animal therapy, Celestis-chan seemed to suddenly notice something.

“Now that I think about it, I am surprised that she was able to participate in the production of today’s event. This time it was a cooperation between three nations, right? Were there no problems happening with the fire militants and our stream marines?” (Celestis)

...Now that she says it...

Doraha-san has absolutely no problem with the Light Church and can get along with anyone of the Light nation.

But any other nations, it is just as seen now. In a venue where there’s light, fire, and water people all over the place, I don’t think things would go smoothly.

Since arriving to Muspelheim, Doraha-san has been together with me the whole time and didn't create any scene, but maybe it was bad to let her go outside alone?!

"...Ah, yes. When I went to check the state of the venue, some insolent heretic spoke to me." (Doraha)

"'Hey you, aren't you cute. If you have the time, how about having tea with me?' he said." (Doraha)

"Trying to pick you up?!" (Karen)

"And so..." (Doraha)

Doraha-san said this in a natural tone.

"I kicked him." (Doraha)

""""Hiiiiiih!!""""

We all let out a scream.

"And then, what seemed to be his comrades were gathering one after the other, and said 'what are you suddenly doing?!' and it was getting noisy, so...I kicked them all." (Doraha)

""""Hiiiiiih!!""""

There was no time to wait.

Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan, and I kicked open the door and dash towards the venue.

"In the first place, who was the one trying to pick Doraha-san up?! Isn't that a legit crime? There's no excusing that!" (Celestis)

"Let's leave killing him for later! Right now what's most important is to grasp the situation! Hurry!" (Mirack)

"Doraha-san! Please don't leave my sight for a second until Yorishiro-sama returns, okay?!" (Karen)

So, when we actually arrived at the place, in this venue where the customers had already left, there's a lot of light knights, fire militants, and stream marines with their heads piercing the ceiling.

“““GYAAAAAAA!!”””

There's no doubt they were all kicked into the ceiling by Doraha-san.

It is a complete slaughter.

‘Why even the light knights that are supposed to be allies?’, is what I thought in my confusion, but at any rate, in order to save the people that have their head piercing the ceiling, we had to diligently work as if we were harvesting fruits.

The battle had finished, and yet, we had a lot of things to do and our exhaustion accumulated.

## Chapter 286: Return of the wicked God

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The Fire God Nova is currently incarnated in a cow's body and living in the surface world.

The one humans call Fire Cow Phalaris.

(Good grief, it has finally gotten silent.)

The cow that was left alone in the dressing room -Nova-remembers the girls that were frolicking just a few moments ago.

Everytime Nova sees that, he couldn't help but think 'why are humans so noisy?'.

Humans are probably living beings that can't live without enjoying the enjoyable moments. When everyone gathers, they have fun.

Today's live event must fall in that same category.

(They are a wretched living form... Keh.) (Nova)

And so, now that those girls had left from the room, the place was incredibly silent.

At a corner of the room, there's a mountain of presents from the live audience.

No matter which it was, they were for Phalaris.

After the raid of the Demon Lord Michael the other day, just with Phalaris helping them out on a whim, the humans gave out truly exaggerated gratitude.

(Hmph, they are truly simple people.) (Nova)

Phalaris snorted and looks at the mountain of presents.

Handmade stuffed dolls of Phalaris, letters of gratitude, drawings of Phalaris and the hero facing the Demon Lord, flower bouquets, and collections of autographs.

They were mostly the works of children, so most of the handmade ones were things made with rough skill.

(Giving me a bunch of things that I can't eat. If you are going to bring something, bring food.) (Nova)

Of course, within the presents, there were the types of food Phalaris likes the most, but the caretakers of Phalaris separated those and have stored it at a different location.

The things that are at the room are the non-comestible type, but even with

that, it was still packed up and has become a mountain that rivals the height of Phalaris himself.

But well, Phalaris has gone out of his battle form and it is currently only the size of a calf though.

(...Hmph, they are really a simple bunch. Those fools.) (Nova)

Nova participated in the battle against the Demon Lord out of a whim.

The arrogance of the Demon Lords for going against his will as a God and their plans on ruling the surface world had picked a nerve of Nova, but there was also a part of him that simply wanted to rampage.

And yet, the humans got happy on their own, gave him their gratitude, and treated Phalaris as their friend.

The simpleness in their way of acting was truly amusing in the eyes of a God.

(Hmph.) (Nova)

Nova, who was going 'like hell I will play along with them', turned around and headed to his bed. It is at one of the corners of the room, and in terms of position, it would be at the opposite corner of the mountain of presents.

When Phalaris arrives at his bed, he bites onto his blanket and drags it right at the front of the mountain of presents and sleeps on top of the blanket.

(A bunch of guys that can't take a hint. Hmph.) (Nova)

And so, as he lies down on his blanket, he looks at a doll that was badly made within the mountain of present and snorts again.

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(Good grief. I can't continue looking. It is way too pathetic.)

A sudden voice resonates directly into the soul of the Fire God Nova.

The unpleasant tone of that voice immediately blew away the quiet feeling the cow had.

(Coacervate huh.) (Nova)

Nova immediately knew who was the owner of that voice.

Water God Coacervate.

Just like Nova, he is one of the six Gods that created this world.

You could say they are brethren, but Coacervate was the kind of filthy God that you wouldn't want to accept are of the same kind.

(The brave and resolute Fire God Nova, that was feared in the past for his utmost tyranny, has now turned into a cow and living a pet life. Truly a pathetic

sight. I can only think of it as you losing your pride as a God.) (Coacervate)

Nova narrowed his eyes and scanned the dressing room, but he couldn't find anything that could be Coacervate. But he could tell that there was a presence creeping about the walls.

(...Fearing Entropy and not getting attention from Inflation, you have finally ended up in my place huh. What's your business? I admit I don't have anything to do, but even if that's the case, I don't have the time to waste on trash like you, you know?) (Nova)

Coacervate self-proclaims as a cunning God, and finds the most joy in scheming.

Since the Genesis era, he has been making Gods and humans dance on the palm of his hands, and with that, he began to boast that 'I am intelligent'.

Because of that rotten personality, the Water God is thoroughly hated by the other six Gods.

Of course, for the Fire God Nova, his brethren Coacervate was nothing but the target of disgust.

The Gods of Creation have been divided in two factions for a long time: the 'pro-human side' and the 'human subordination side'. Being classified in the 'human subordination side' together with Coacervate was a disgrace that Nova couldn't endure.

(No no, I simply came here to confirm something. About your apostasy, Fire

God Nova.) (Coacervate)

(Apostasy?) (Nova)

(‘Humans are the slaves of Gods’, ‘the Gods decide how to use the humans’. Even though we had those things in common, the you lately has been acting in a way unlike you. So I got anxious about whether you would end up being subservient to Entropy and change your doctrine, so I have come personally today to hear your thoughts.) (Coacervate)

His tone was gentle, but the contempt that was behind those words, there’s no way it could be hidden.

That was the peculiar unpleasantness of these God called Coacervate.

## Chapter 287: Question and answers of the Fire and Water

(Don't underestimate this Fire God Nova!!) (Nova)

Even if Nova knew Coacervate was trying to provoke him, he couldn't not bite.

(I don't care what happens to the humans! Spreading and burning everything, that's the destruction and rebirth which is the essence of fire! The battle just now was because the Demon Lords pissed me off more than the humans. It had nothing to do with the humans!) (Nova)

(Hearing that relieves me. As I thought, a blazing ferocity is the characteristic of you, the Fire God. It is great to see that it is still alive in you.) (Coacervate)

A 'kusukusukusu' laugh resonated once again mixed with ridicule.

(Hmph...if your business is done, leave. Just listening to your slimy vocal sounds sends disgust down my spine.) (Nova)

(Now now, don't be like that. We got to see each other after so long. Why don't we have a small harmless talk?) (Coacervate)

(Don't want to.) (Nova)

Nova was so against the idea that it showed in his tone.

(Now now, don't be like that..... Right, how about this talk? About the Demon Lords.) (Coacervate)

With those words on the table, Nova couldn't simply feign as if he didn't hear it.

(...Now that I think about it...) (Nova)

Nova slowly raised his cow body.

(There's such an emergency situation. There's no way you wouldn't ride on it—as the self-proclaimed cunning God.) (Nova)

In the first place, the one who proposed the creation of the monsters was none other than Coacervate.

The era moves forward, the civilization develops, and humanity has grown enough to live on their own strength, and with that, they began to pray less and less to their Gods.

That was a serious problem for the Gods.

That's because in that span of more than a thousand years, the Gods had gotten used to being prayed by humans, so they are unable to maintain their existence without the prayers of humans.

If the prayers continue to stagnate in this rate, the Gods might not even be

able to stay as Gods.

In that case, let's have the humans pray to the Gods again.

For that sake, there's the need of a problem that would make the humans pray to the Gods 'please save us'.

That problem is the monsters.

(If monsters attack them and threaten their lives, the humans will once again cling onto Gods, and the humans will send their prayers. You were the one who presented this to the other Gods, Coacervate.) (Nova)

(Yeah, and thanks to that, you were able to secure a set amount of prayer as well, right?) (Coacervate)

It is unpleasant for Nova that it was just as Coacervate says.

It is true that, in those times, Nova looked down on the humans as no more than garbage, so Nova ended up agreeing to the proposition of Coacervate not only once but twice.

Quasar and Mantle also agreed to the proposition of Coacervate with their own plans in mind.

And that's how the era of a long battle between the four element monsters and the humans began.

This is a story from a hundred years ago.

(And with that as the seed, the Demon Lords were birthed. Seriously, your plans always end up turning the table at some point.) (Nova)

That was the best attempt Nova had to bite against Coacervate.

Monsters were pseudo-life forms without a soul created solely to wring out prayers from humans.

They were birthed as a pure mass of divine power, lacking a soul and a will.

They are completely different from the humans and fauna.

It is plenty enough with the humans being the living beings outside the framework of the Gods.

And within that framework, the monsters were true to the word tools created by the Gods that shouldn't be able to become more than that.

(But even with that, monsters escaped from the framework of us Gods.)  
(Nova)

That's the Demon Lords.

In the span of a hundred years, with a repetition of birth and death of millions of brethrens, the ultimate monsters were born.

They possess divine power that rivals that of Gods and obtained self-awareness that monsters should originally never have.

Everything was outside the expectations of the Gods.

(The other part that pisses me off is that those damn Demon Lords surpass the current strength of us Gods. With the prayers drying up, our strength has decreased quite a lot from our peak times.) (Nova)

Nova challenging Michael alone and being unable to defeat him was proof of this.

The reason why Michael was driven off was because of the combination of powers between Nova and Mirack, and also the people living in Muspelheim; it was the result of changing all the emotions into strength.

(Entropy, Inflation, and Quasar; the bunch that are on the side of humans are doing strenuous efforts. They are desperately searching for methods to have humans go against the Demon Lords.) (Nova)

(Kukuku... It would be nice if such a convenient method actually existed, right?) (Coacervate)

(So Coacervate, what do you plan on doing?) (Nova)

Nova slowly began to understand the reason why Coacervate appeared there.

(Inflation created the system of God Heroes and is trying to use that as a trump card against the Demon Lords. Entropy and Quasar are quite cooperative about it.) (Nova)

(And, does that...go for you too?) (Coacervate)

The unpleasant question of Coacervate made Nova unable to push back his bitterness.

The one who gave birth to the second God Hero in the surface world in order to fight back Michael was none other than Nova himself after all.

(Is this your way of saying...you want to join in on this?) (Nova)

Nova saw that this is the objective of his visit.

The incarnation of Entropy -Kuromiya Haine-has set Coacervate as the one that's most against them and thinks he won't cooperate no matter what.

But for Nova, this just looked like a shallow read.

There's no God as loyal to self-convenience as Coacervate. You could also call it selfish.

If the Demon Lords manage to eradicate humans, there will be no one to pray to Gods, and that would lead to the downfall of the Gods themselves.

Humans can live without Gods, but at this present day, Gods can't maintain their existence without humans. That's why, even Coacervate who at glance looks like he doesn't care about humans at all, would never allow humans to be eradicated by Demon Lords.

(In order to maintain your own existence, you must protect the humans. For the sake of that, you have no choice but to cooperate with Entropy and the others in getting ready the God Heroes.) (Nova)

The reason why he asked this of Nova today must have been for that.

In the past, Nova was in the 'human subordination' side and shared the same beliefs as Coacervate. Now, he is in a somewhat close relationship with Entropy and the others.

If Coacervate works out things through Nova, he can still maintain a bit of pride and join Entropy.

Nova thought 'this is truly Coacervate-like'.

(Of course, Entropy and the others won't like it, but they are on the brink right now. They can't reject an increase in allies. If you really want, I don't mind passing your word to them.) (Nova)

Nova saw this as an opportunity to spite Coacervate, so his tone changed accordingly.

But that wasn't the case.

Even after a 1,600 years knowing Coacervate, he still couldn't see through the depths of his mind.

(Kukuku...kukukuku!!) (Coacervate)

(Hm?) (Nova)

(You are truly a stupid God, Nova. Did you think you saw through my plans with just that much?) (Coacervate)

Nova was stunned by this.

Coacervate can't live without the prayers of humans. That's why he should have no choice but to enter the side of protecting humans.

(It is true that I didn't expect the appearance of the Demon Lords either. But there's pleasant miscalculations. That's exactly what the Demon Lords are -a pleasant miscalculation for us.) (Coacervate)

(What?!) (Nova)

(The Demon Lords arrogantly call themselves the new rulers of this surface world. And, they hold power worthy of that title. In that case, it should be fine to just give them the surface world. Thus...!) (Coacervate)

Coacervate pauses for a moment.

(The humans are already of no need. If they are going to be eradicated by the Demon Lords anyways, as a God, it doesn't matter how I recycle them, right? This is survival of the fittest, the natural order; Entropy shouldn't be able to complain with that. It looks like luck has finally turned to my favor. Hahahaha!)

(Coacervate)

(What do you mean by that, Coacervate?! Just answer!!) (Nova)

No matter how many times Nova shouted, the Water God didn't answer, and while there was a sticky sound coming from the walls, the presence in time disappeared.

Something bad was about to begin.

## Chapter 288: Calamity that soaks in

Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan, Doraha-san, and I -Kourin Karen-were driving in the sky.

Flying with their usual flying machines, they fly past the plains and continue.

The destination is Hydra Ville. The Water Church's headquarters and the place where Celestis-chan lives.

"Hey, is it true that Hydra Ville is in danger?!" (Celestis)

Straddled onto the flying machine and going at full-speed through the sky, Celestis-chan shouts loudly.

Mirack-chan answers shouting as well.

"I don't know!! But it is what this cow says, so there's no way we can ignore it!!) (Mirack)

Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan, and I were riding our respective flying machines, and Doraha-san was sitting at the back of mine, but there was a single cow hanging with the three ropes coming from our three machines.

None other than Phalaris-san.

About half a day ago, we had finished clearing up the live venue in Muspelheim, and this cow-san had come charging at us bellowing.

(You idiotic woman!! This is no time to be lazing around!! Coacervate is planning on doing something!!) (Phalaris)

And so, hearing this, Celestis-chan and I thought this at first...

""THE COW SPOKE!!!!""

Because you know, cows normally don't talk.

At first, I thought that my ears and head had gone crazy and I was truly scared, but within that confusion, Mirack-chan alone remained composed.

In contrast to our confusion, she heard out the cow-san and gave out her decision.

“We are going to Hydra Ville.” (Mirack)

And so, we are on our way to Hydra Ville.

“Geez, I don’t understand anything anymore!! Why is Hydra Ville in danger?! And why is that cow telling us this?! In the first place, why can this cow talk?!”  
(Celestis)

The mouth of Celestis-chan was shooting a rapid-fire of sound questions.

Those were questions I also held and we were expecting a proper answer from Mirack-chan.

But...

“...I don’t know.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan only said this.

“But if it is something this cow said, there’s worth in believing. That’s all I can say!” (Mirack)

Such an out of norms talk, most people wouldn’t even give an ear to it. That’s why we let the soldiers we brought stay in the Fire capital and we heroes headed to Hydra Ville.

If something really did happen there, regret wouldn’t begin to describe what we would feel after.

(...That Coacervate...) (Phalaris)

A voice once again resonates.

It is Phalaris-san that’s hanging from our three flying machines. He was unexpectedly obedient hanging there.

(Looks like he still hasn’t fixed that bad trait of his about flaunting the schemes he has thought of to someone else. Even though that made him fail last time. Apparently, he can’t change that nature of his. In order to prove that he is intelligent, he always needs someone that’s more stupid than him.)  
(Phalaris)

Is that really the voice of Phalaris-san?

But why?

That voice is not something that anyone can hear, and Doraha-san who is currently clinging onto my back and the people we harvested from the ceiling couldn't hear it either.

Only us three could hear it.

What's with this?

(You three had been inserted a factor to become God Heroes by that super ill-natured Inflation. Because of this, your souls can resonate with Gods more easily.) (Nova)

Even if you explain it to me in that way, I still don't understand at all.

(Everything is because of the appearance of the Demon Lords. Because of them, everything is beginning to twist. The boundary between human and God. This boundary that was properly separated, you are the first people to step into it. Just like how a crack spreads, the boundary between humans and Gods is slowly crumbling.) (Nova)

"I don't care about that!!" (Celestis)

An agitated voice cuts off Phalaris-san.

"You said Hydra Ville was in danger!! I didn't hear anything about that! Why when I am absent of all times!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan was the number one out of it when hearing about the emergency of Hydra Ville from Phalaris-san.

That's a matter of course. Hydra Ville is where Celestis-chan lives, and she is the water hero that must protect that place after all.

There's nothing as pressing as her being absent at such a time.

Even with that, Celestis-chan didn't say something like 'I shouldn't have come to reinforce Muspelheim'.

"Calm down, Celestis-chan! Hydra Ville has the previous hero Sarasa-san, right?!" (Karen)

It is exactly because she left the place to her that Celestis-chan was able to leave the Church.

“The previous heroes surpass us current heroes in technique. If she is there, most of anything can be dealt with!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan also cooperated in trying to calm down Celestis-chan.

It is true that we were also letting our guard down.

That’s because we took at heart the words he left behind. The words of the Demon Lord Michael that left without settling the fight.

{...Our battles with you humans must be ones that make us grow. Thus, our battles can’t be underhanded and foul.} (Michael)

Michael seemed to have felt something from his battle with Mirack-chan.

{The next time I fight with you people, I will be frontal about it. I won’t pull a single trick to bring you down. Therefore, wait with a comfortable heart for our next battle.} (Michael)

Uriel and Raphael also joined in and said.

{We also want to heal the wounds that Kuromiya Haine dealt to us. So we will tag along with our whimsical leader.} (Uriel)

{You have done it, humans. Your lifespan has lengthened. The time when we are in perfect shape, will be the time you people disappear. Enjoy the short time you have left!} (Raphael)

We took that at heart and, after the battle, we were truly acting comfortable.

We took our time in returning, and even did a live.

But now that I think about it, there was one Demon Lord missing in that place where those Demon Lords were giving their words.

“The Water Demon Lord Gabriel!!” (Karen)

There’s no way of knowing what the Water Demon Lord is planning.

But the words of Phalaris-san: ‘Coacervate is planning on doing something’, is he talking about one of the six Gods of creation, the Water God Coacervate-sama?

The name of the Water God that was suddenly mentioned; the Water Demon Lord whose whereabouts are unknown; the dots were connecting too well.

That's why we have no choice but to go. To Hydra Ville that's connected to water as well.

## Chapter 289: The disappeared Hydra Ville

“I can see it now! Hydra Ville!”

With the highest speed of the flying machines, it took around half a day. The distance between Muspelheim and Hydra Ville was around that much.

This time it took around that much time and we finally arrived at the Water capital.

And then, we soon noticed an abnormality.

“The water hero Celestis has returned! Please grant me an audience with Papa— I mean, the Water Founder-sama!!” (Celestis)

Parking the flying machines at the Water Church headquarters, in order to understand the situation, we ask for an audience with the Water Founder —the father of Celestis-chan.

If something happens in the Water capital, there’s no way a report wouldn’t go to the Founder’s way.

But...

“Someone, is there anyone?! ...Damn it, the soldiers are slacking at a time like this!!” (Celestis)

“Celestis-chan, calm down!” (Karen)

In the time Doraha-san and I were untying Phalaris-san’s ropes, Celestis-chan was heading deeper and deeper.

“Now that it has come to this, I will go directly to Papa! Wait here everyone!!” (Celestis)

We can’t do that.

We do our fastest to untie Phalaris-san and chase after Celestis-chan who ran off.

I have come to the Water Church headquarters before, so we managed to chase after Celestis-chan without getting lost.

“Founder-sama! I will be intruding without permission!!” (Celestis)

Even if they are father and daughter, Celestis-chan maintains her etiquette as a hero towards the Founder.

And just as I thought that, Celestis-chan kicks open the door lacking all sorts of etiquette.

“Water hero Celestis has returned after finishing a small errand! I got information that there’s danger approaching the Water capital—!” (Celestis)

But there was no one to answer Celestis-chan.

The office room of the Founder had no one in it.

“What. Even Papa at a time like this?! At this time, he should be at the office room! Better not be another drinking party!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan was getting pissed off all over, but we who were slightly more composed than her had begun to notice the strangeness.

“...Hey, Celestis-chan. This is kind of strange!!” (Karen)

“Ah no, sorry. Our Founder says that connections are important, so he has a habit of leaving when in working hours to parties and those kind of things... It is a scandal, so don’t go spreading it, okay?!” (Celestis)

“That’s not what we mean!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan also felt the strangeness of the situation and her voice trembled.

“This is the Water Church’s headquarters! One of the five Grand Churches of the world, and there’s several thousands of people regularly working here!” (Karen)

“Eh? Well, of course. Why are you stating the obvious?” (Celestis)

“And yet! We parked our flying machines outside and came all the way here to the office room of the Founder...!” (Karen)

“And we didn’t pass by anyone!” (Mirack)

Since the moment we entered the headquarters of the Water Church, no, since the time we arrived at Hydra Ville, we haven’t seen a single human aside from ourselves!

“Is that even possible?! Hydra Ville is a big city, right?! It is the biggest commercial city, right?!” (Karen)

“It is on a whole different level from the sticks! The Water capital of today is way too silent! Last time we came, it was a lot more lively!!” (Mirack)

Being pointed this out, Celestis-chan finally managed to pick something up. Her cheerful face began to cloud and she ran out from the office room.

“Celestis!” (Mirack)

“Celestis-chan! Where are you going?!” (Karen)

We also hurriedly chased after her.

“I am going to the worship shrine! If it is there, there should be people offering prayers all the time! If we go there...!” (Celestis)

And we arrived.

There was no one.

If it were the usual, the preaching of a priest would be resounding over this sacred precinct and the prayers of the pious water people, and yet, it is now silent.

“The training field! At the Stream Marine’s station, there’s always at least 20 people on standby in case of emergencies!” (Celestis)

No one was there.

Leaving the emergency station empty is a big offense, and yet, there was not a single soul in the Stream Marine’s station.

“The dining room! When there’s something, everyone gathers at places with a lot of food!” (Celestis)

There was no one.

“Maybe the basement! When an emergency occurs, it is written in the manual that they should take refuge there!” (Celestis)

No one.

“What’s this?! What’s with this!” (Celestis)

There's no doubting anymore.

People have completely disappeared from the Water Church, and probably from the whole Hydra Ville as well.

But what in the world had to happen to be in this state?

Leaving aside the fact that people have completely disappeared, the city of Hydra Ville is no different at all.

No buildings damaged, no things fallen at the streets; in other words, no traces of chaos.

Hydra Ville's population should be more than tens of thousands.

To have that amount of people disappear without any chaos. Is that even possible?

"...Karen-sama...and the other people." (Doraha)

The one who spoke to us while we were walking around was Doraha-san.

We couldn't leave her in Muspelheim so we brought her here but, what is the matter?

"Please follow me. There's something here." (Doraha)

"Eh?!" (Karen)

'What do you mean by that?!', is what I wanted to further say, but Doraha-san didn't give me the time and ran to somewhere.

"O-Oi, girl!!" (Mirack)

"Where are you planning on going?!" (Celestis)

Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan and I had no choice but to chase after her.

Doraha-san ran out of the Water Church and entered the Water city.

We followed after, but as expected, there wasn't the shadow of a single person around the city.

"What is this?! What is going on?!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan speaks as if she were going to break into tears at any moment.

This is the city she lives in, so Celestis-chan being the one hurting the most at this view couldn't be helped.

And so, we chased after Doraha-san and ran, ran, and ran...

The moment I was beginning to think how long we would be running and was running out of breath, we finally encountered it.

"...Ara, there were still people that haven't melted?"

The strongest and worst calamity threatening this world; the ultimate monster, the Demon Lord.

The fourth of them; the Water Demon Lord Gabriel.

## Chapter 290: Ocean Demon

Wings that were transparent like the fins of a fish and were shining a rainbow brilliance.

With such wings on its body, its whole body shines in a verdant color.

A rough female body. <Wait, he was a she?!>

That is the Water Demon Lord, Gabriel.

From the unique looking Demon Lords, this Gabriel is one notch up —the lone woman in the four Demon Lords.

In the first place, I have never heard of monsters having genders. In that sense, this Gabriel's existence is out of norms, and because of this, it is eerie.

"...Culture is truly interesting." (Gabriel)

Gabriel suddenly said towards us who were shuddering at the pressure she let out.

...A sound reverberated.

From the hand of Gabriel, there was some sort of gold necklace wrapped around it and rings with gems embedded to it, and there were also several other accessories wrapped around.

"You...that's...!" (Celestis)

The one that immediately reacted after seeing that was Celestis-chan.

"They are things I found in the city. What a strange custom humans have. Decorating their bodies with small things like this. What is there to be proud about this? Strength? Wealth? Or maybe beauty?" (Gabriel)

"You...!" (Celestis)

The words of Gabriel raised the vigor of Celestis-chan.

Normally, she should be crumbling under the pressure of the Demon Lord, but the current Celestis-chan was unconsciously pushing it back with adrenaline.

“It was you, right?! The one who made the people of Hydra Ville disappear! Answer! Where are the people?! Papa...no, where are the Founder and the Water Church members, the residents of Hydra Ville, the many tourists in it!!” (Celestis)

I want to think they are all okay.

I don't want to think about any other possibility.

Gabriel was facing the desperate Celestis-chan but she simply showed elegance..

“Ara ara, if you want to question people, how about introducing yourself first? Isn't that one of the cultures you people have build up?” (Gabriel)

“Tch...” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan clicks her tongue bluntly.

“Don't know of me? As expected of a monster that reeks of the sticks. If you don't know, I will tell you. I am the water hero Celestis that protects this Water capital!!” (Celestis)

“Is that so...” (Gabriel)

“To attack this Water capital while I was absent. For someone acting all high and mighty, what you do is quite petty, Demon Lord-sama. Did you arrange it beforehand with Michael who attacked Muspelheim?!” (Celestis)

Being told this, Gabriel finally showed fluctuation in her emotions.

“Ara ara, that Michael, so he moved as well huh. Even though he was the one that was the most reserved. I wonder what wind blew this change. Ah, if we talk about wind, it would be Raphael, right?” (Gabriel)

I was expecting this, but it seems like Michael's attack to Muspelheim and Gabriel appearing in Hydra Ville were a coincidence.

At a glance, it looks as if Michael had served as a distraction and Gabriel had used that opening. Then that means several solo actions made a coincidental teamwork play?

“By the way, hey hey, that just now falls into the 'joke' culture of yours, right?

I tried using that phrase 'the wind blew this change' and the Wind Demon Lord Raphael. How was it?" (Gabriel)

"That's an inside joke and it is hard for the public to understand! 10 points!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan gave her grading while in desperation.

"Ah geez! Answer me already!! Where are the people of Hydra Ville?! If you say something like 'I killed them all', I won't leave it at boiled fish or fry fish, I will beat you into a pulp!!" (Celestis)

"I wouldn't do something so barbaric. This Water Demon Lord Gabriel is aiming to be a cultured Demon Lord." (Gabriel)

"C-Cultured?" (Celestis)

Cultured?

"In order for us monsters to control the surface world and become the rulers of all things, just destroying the humans is not enough. Monsters have to surpass humans in all aspects or monsters won't truly become the rulers of the surface world." (Gabriel)

The Demon Lord Gabriel continues.

"In power, we Demon Lords already win against the humans -to an overwhelming extent. Then, what should we surpass them in next? Intelligence. Humans have their own individual thoughts, accumulate them, and called it culture. I want that. Because if monsters obtain culture, they will surpass humans completely. That is my objective as a Demon Lord." (Gabriel)

"Well there, what a commendable thing!" (Celestis)

No matter what time it is, Celestis-chan doesn't forget to be sarcastic.

"Michael, Raphael, and Uriel will in time agree to my thoughts as well. That's why I don't want to do anything that is uncultured; in other words, barbaric things. Mass murder and destruction is the very definition of barbaric, right?" (Gabriel)

"...Those were claims I can mostly agree with, but I am already fed up with your monologue! Answer already! Where are the people of Hydra Ville?! What

happened to Papa and the others?!” (Celestis)

“Right..... You can see one over there, you know?” (Gabriel)

“Eh?” (Celestis)

At the place where Gabriel pointed at, Celestis-chan and I, as well as Doraha-san and Mirack-chan, who were at the back, moved our gazes there.

When we did that, there was certainly something there where Gabriel pointed out.

That woman was someone we knew. A person we have met before.

That person is...

“Sarasa-san?!” (Karen)

## Chapter 291: Previous water hero, Sarasa-san

Previous water hero, Sarasa-san. Just like Kyouka-san and Yoneko-san; she is a hero that came before us.

In reality, they should have finished their job as heroes and retired. But because of the unforeseen appearance of Demon Lords, they have returned to duty as a special case. They are facing this battle with us current heroes.

Celestis-chan being able to leave her base and heading to the help of another Church was because Sarasa-san was defending the fort.

And yet, that Sarasa-san was currently collapsed without showing signs of moving.

“Sarasa!” (Celestis)

“Sarasa-san?! ” (Karen)

Celestis-chan and I hurriedly run to Sarasa-san.

We were under the pressure of Gabriel, but to think that we wouldn’t notice a person collapsed so close to us!

“Sarasa! Sarasa! Come to your senses! What happened?! ” (Celestis)

Sarasa-san was not conscious, and after shaking her body, she finally opened her eyes slightly.

“.....Ah, Celestis-san. You finally came huh. You were so late, I was tired of waiting.” (Sarasa)

“What about you! You always talk big about being a past hero, so defeat a Demon Lord while I am away at least! I didn’t ask you to save me food!” (Celestis)

Sarasa-san was relieved at the arrival of Celestis-chan.

Celestis-chan was truly worried about her senior that fought to the point of collapsing.

But even with that, the two were spitting out complains to each other. Is that

a shared trait of water heroes?

“Now that we are here, you are not needed! We will crush that Demon Lord ourselves, so the injured should rest!” (Celestis)

Saying this, Celestis-chan tried to carry Sarasa-san up, but Sarasa-san herself slapped it away.

“Wa?!” (Celestis)

“Celestis-san, you already understand, right? You are actually intelligent despite your looks after all!” (Sarasa)

“W-What are you saying?!” (Celestis)

“An unprecedented crisis is currently attacking the whole Hydra Ville! This is not the time to be worrying about me alone. It is mortifying, but with my strength, I can’t stand a chance at all!” (Sarasa)

While they were doing that exchange, Gabriel was simply overlooking it with leisure all over. She wasn’t showing a single sign of planning to attack.

She was completely underestimating us.

“That woman was thoroughly boring. She is supposed to be the strongest in this city, so I wanted to take my time to taste it, and I even placed a rule that I wouldn’t attack at all, and yet, she couldn’t injure me at all.” (Gabriel)

Gabriel lets out a sigh as if she were truly disappointed.

“Not only that, she continued attacking until she exhausted herself and lost consciousness. Geez, it was a waste of time.” (Gabriel)

“It is fine with that. Thanks to the bought time, Celestis-san managed to come back in time after all!” (Sarasa)

Hearing those words, Celestis-chan and I were stunned.

“Sarasa...could it be that you...” (Celestis)

“Understanding that you wouldn’t be able to defeat the Demon Lord, you decided on buying time?” (Karen)

While repeating attacks that don’t work on the Demon Lord, she waited for the return of Celestis-chan?

Attacks with your full power won't have any effect; for a combatant, this is more exhausting mentally than physically, and yet, she repeated that process.

“The one there is the light hero-san...and the fire hero-san, right...?!” (Sarasa)

Sarasa-san whips her exhausted body up and then looks at Mirack-chan and I.

“You people truly get along well. It would have been great if Kyouka-san, Yoneko-san, and Juo-san, and I fixed our relationship sooner. They are such good people after all...!” (Sarasa)

Sarasa-san shows a weak smile and then says resolutely.

“Heroes of the other churches, please help out my junior. Please save our Hydra Ville. I will cut open the way for that path!” (Sarasa)

She spreads her folding fan.

That is the divine tool of Sarasa-san, Dahyu. The water blade that cuts everything.

“Listen well, Celestis-san. The people of Hydra Ville can still be saved...! By extracting that wicked divine power that Demon Lord poured and making a turnaround in the situation, things should return to how they were. But for that sake, we have to defeat the source!! That Demon Lord!!” (Sarasa)

“Eh? Wa?! Explain properly!” (Celestis)

But Sarasa-san didn't provide any extra explanation and challenged the Demon Lord valiantly.

“Ara ara, still plan on fighting? Repeating pointless things; there's nothing to learn of culture from an uncouth human though.” (Gabriel)

“In that case, I will show you my true power just as you wish!! Now that Celestis-san has arrived, I can throw my everything!!” (Sarasa)

The water folding fan of Sarasa-san was gushing with an amount of water divine power that we have never seen before.

“Look properly, Celestis-san! Even if it is against a rather annoying person like you, there are techniques you don't use in human matches!!” (Sarasa)

Sarasa-san rotated her body with folding fan in hand, on top of that, the

ultrathin water blades that surge from her water folding fan stretch in accord to the direction of the rotation.

It was as if a water tornado was surrounding Sarasa-san's body.

"[Water Beheading Blade – Dragon Dance]!" (Sarasa)

Rotating at super fast speed, the water blades accumulate on her body.

This could already be called the ultimate violence in water divine power. Everything that touches that water tornado would be minced in an instant and be left with nothing.

"She had such a trump card hidden?!" (Karen)

As expected of a past hero that has more experience than us.

"If she had used that in the heroes match, I would have lost!" (Celestis)

Not only lost, she would have died. That's why Sarasa-san literally sealed that technique in the heroes match.

Celestis-chan's knees tremble at the all-out of her senior.

"If I can manage even a small wound...! This will bring a bigger advantage to Celestis-san and the others who will be fighting next...!!" (Sarasa)

A water tornado that minces everything it touches; or putting it in other words, a water shredder.

Sarasa-san tried to crash this onto the Demon Lord with her whole body, but...!!

"Ara, splendid. You prepared such a surprise." (Gabriel)

Gabriel leisurely extends her hand, and once that hand touches the roaring water blades of Sarasa-san, they warp in several directions as if they had clashed against a wall harder than steel, unable to get through that one hand of hers.

The roars of the water blades began to sound like cries now. They run wildly at random directions and disperse into droplets.

"Wa?!"

“And I see, a trump card is something that has to be hidden until it shows the best effect. Planning and strategizing is also culture.” (Gabriel)

She is not hurt at all?!

The ultimate attack of Sarasa-san...not even a scratch!

“Gaaaaah!!” (Sarasa)

And then, the arm of the Demon Lord that broke through the water folding fan, continued with its momentum and pierced the chest of Sarasa-san.

## Chapter 292: Hell Soup

No way!!

The thin arm of Gabriel pierced Sarasa-san?!

Right at the middle of the chest of Sarasa-san!!

“Nooooo!!” (Celestis)

Seeing this, Celestis-chan reacts heavily.

She practically was about to run reflexively to her, but Mirack-chan and I hurriedly stop her.

“Celestis-chan!! Don’t!!” (Karen)

“If you rush without thinking, you will simply become a second victim!!”  
(Mirack)

Celestis-chan is normally the most composed within our hero group, and yet, she lost herself this much...

“Don’t make a ruckus...!!”

The struggling of Celestis-chan stopped at that strict voice.

It was no one else but Sarasa-san who had the arm pierced from front and coming out from her back.

“Sarasa...you...!!” (Celestis)

“You can’t trouble your friends...! It is fine. Just do as you always have -calm and composed-and properly watch what’s about to happen. Watch what kind of calamity this Demon Lord brought to this Water capital...!” (Sarasa)

Sarasa-san swung her water folding fan even when her chest was pierced, and tried to take revenge on Gabriel at close range, but even that showed no effect on the worst of opponents.

The Water Beheading Blade, just by touching the skin of Gabriel, dispersed into droplets.

“Increase the power by concentrating... So divine power has that way of use

huh. Is this the culture called military arts? Playing together with you people really overflows with freshness.” (Gabriel)

“Guuu....Aaaah!!” (Sarasa)

“That attack just now was also good. Most enemies would have been cut by that, but...too bad. The difference in our divine power is way too big. No matter how much you concentrate on one point, you won’t even be a match to me in my normal state.” (Gabriel)

“Looks like that’s the case..... I thought I could cut at least one layer of skin though. Seems this is as far as I can do! But...” (Sarasa)

Sarasa-san looks back towards us.

“The actual current heroes are here already. Defeating you people is the duty of those girls. Your fate has already been decided. Prepare yourself...!” (Sarasa)

“Is that so. Oh well, I have already had enough fun with you, so I will have you retire.” (Gabriel)

And then, something dreadful occurred.

Sarasa-san’s body is melting!

“Eh? Wa? No way!!” (Karen)

“What is going on?!” (Celestis)

She was melting, turned into water.....and disappeared?!

Sarasa-san?!

The puddle that is spread at the feet of Gabriel...it was once Sarasa-san...

“You! You...!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan was grinding her teeth, and even we could hear it from where we were.

“How dare you kill Sarasa! I will be your opponent next! I will avenge Sarasa!!” (Celestis)

“Ara ara, quite the impatient child. Are you going to avenge someone that’s not even dead?” (Gabriel)

“Eh?” (Celestis)

Those words made Celestis-chan, who was about to jump at her, stop.

“I told you already, didn’t I? I completely repudiate barbaric acts that stray the most of culture. Killing is a barbaric action. That’s why, even if I will eradicate humans, I don’t kill humans.” (Gabriel)

“You are going to eradicate humans without killing them? What’s with that weird riddle?! Can you do something like that?!” (Celestis)

“The answer lies at the goal.” (Gabriel)

What Gabriel pointed at was Sarasa-san who had melted into liquid.

That puddle was moving on its own.

“““?!””””

Not only Celestis-chan; Mirack-chan and I were also shocked.

The puddle slid through the ground as if it were pulled by something... advanced, advanced, advanced...and *splooosh* fell into the water -to a bigger puddle of water.

No...rather than calling it a puddle...!

“That’s...a reserve pond?” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan, who lives in this city, was the first one to notice.

“I was so concentrated on Gabriel that I didn’t notice, but...isn’t this the reserve pond that’s at the end of Hydra Ville?!” (Celestis)

Reserve pond?

If I remember correctly, it is a facility that receives the increased water of the rivers when it rains.

“To prepare in case of a large scale flood, a big ditch to let water accumulate is made, but...this is strange. It is exactly because it was made for that objective that it normally shouldn’t have water in it, and yet...!” (Celestis)

But the reserve pond that’s in front of us is filled with water; moreover, it is not simple water.

It is slightly red...or purple? At any rate, it is a color of water that's impossible naturally, and it is currently filling up that reserve pond.

At an impossible to be place, there's impossible to exist red water.

"Wait a moment!! Could this possibly be...!" (Celestis)

What happened a few moments ago resurfaced in our minds.

Sarasa-san melted into liquid had fallen into this reserve pond on its own; the Hydra Ville that has no people in it... Doesn't that mean...!

"It is about time to answer your first question." (Gabriel)

The first question of Celestis-chan: 'What did you do to the people of Hydra Ville?'.

"They are right here, you know? All the people that moved about in this city are all here. They have all been changed into this 'undiluted lifeforce'. This undiluted lifeforce that's accumulated in this pond are the very humans you are searching for." (Gabriel)

Eradicating humans without killing them; is this what she meant?!

"How is it? Isn't it splendid? Fufufufu..." (Gabriel)

## Chapter 293: Affected by demise

This purplish red that's filling this pond...are you telling me it is actually the people of Hydra Ville that suddenly disappeared?!

Counting the tourists coming to this Hydra Ville, there should be around tens of thousands.

Are you saying that all of them have become liquid and filling up this reserve pond?!

Celestis-chan's father, the Stream Marines, the elderly, the men and women; they have all been mixed in this pond?!

"Did it surprise you? This is the human downfall method that I specially prepared myself." (Gabriel)

The Water Demon Lord Gabriel was showing pride as if she were boasting about her new toy.

"You see, I actually evaluate the humans highly. Even if the existence of you humans is unforgivable, the culture that you took time to create is an eye-opener." (Gabriel)

Culture; for a while now, Gabriel has been saying that word as if it is already a habit.

"Even if we are to eradicate you humans, I am thinking of leaving the culture you humans have created. That's why I hate destruction that surpasses the necessary. The splendid buildings, the beautiful clothes, the shining accessories; if I were to destroy them, it would end up being incredibly barbaric." (Gabriel)

"This woman...! She has been saying self-convenient things a while now...!!" (Mirack)

Mirack-chan furrowed her brows as she showed clear hostility.

"...Are you saying that's why you thought of a way to only destroy humans?" (Celestis)

"As I said...destroying in itself is a barbaric act. You see, I want to provide you

humans with a peaceful eradication. It is said that all life was born from the ocean. I am the same as well. The Water Mother Monster, Strobby Laguna, drifted about in the ocean as she gave birth to me. The ocean is the beginning of all..." (Gabriel)

Gabriel closed her eyes and spread her arms, as if she were a caring mother.

"That's why I will return them to mother ocean as their last. Don't you think that's the most beautiful ending?" (Gabriel)

"You...! Don't tell me...!!" (Celestis)

What's the matter, Celestis-chan?!

She suddenly trembled at the words of Gabriel.

"I said it before, right? The pond that everyone is accumulated in is a reserve pond! It stores the increased water temporarily in order to stop floods. Once the danger of flood is gone, it will be drained, and will return to being a dry pond to prepare for the next heavy rain!" (Celestis)

"Eh? Then the accumulated water would be...!" (Karen)

"Confluencing at the close rivers and returning to the ocean like that!" (Celestis)

It will return to the ocean.

If that happens, everyone will be lost forever!

"Isn't it interesting? The reason why I gathered the undiluted lifeforce here was because I wanted to make the end of you people even more dramatic. The heavily accumulated undiluted lifeforce flowing into the undulating ocean...it would be quite the grand event!!" (Gabriel)

"Don't joke around! You soused mackerel woman!! I won't let you do that!!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan takes a battle stance as she shouted.

What's the matter, Celestis-chan?! I understand your feelings of getting angry after what's been done to your people, but why are you pulling the trigger now?!

“Sarasa said this! ‘They can still be saved’!!” (Celestis)

“Ah!” (Karen)

“It is possible to return the people melted by that soused mackerel woman to normal! She is the Water Demon Lord. If it is an abnormality that occurred due to water divine power, it should be possible to treat it with water divine power! That’s what Sarasa wanted to say!!” (Celestis)

That’s why Sarasa-san rushed onto Gabriel.

Even if she were to be liquified, she trusted that Celestis-san would save her. She wasn’t trying to pointlessly throw away her life!

“But if they were to be poured into the ocean, it would be too late. Mixing with the ocean water that is endless, this undiluted lifeforce would end up being diluted, and it would be impossible to return them to their previous human form.” (Celestis)

“That’s why you are getting so hurried?” (Karen)

“The only time that it can be reverted is when the undiluted lifeforce is keeping its 100% purity inside that reserve pond. If the water gate is opened and the undiluted lifeforce pours out, it is over! We have to defeat Gabriel before that happens! We will save Papa, Sarasa, and everyone in Hydra Ville!” (Celestis)

Understood!

Our objective, what we should aim for, how to win, and what would mean our defeat; we will defeat Gabriel before the undiluted lifeforce is poured into the ocean!

“We will be fighting as well, Celestis-chan!” (Karen)

“I will as well! If I didn’t, it would have been pointless of me coming here!!” (Mirack)

Not only me, Mirack-chan was also overflowing with intent to fight.

“Please, you two...lend me your strength! Fight together with me to save my important people!!” (Celestis)

Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan, and I; the only time we had these lineup to fight against monsters was at the battle with the Hydra Serpent.

We will win just like that time!

This is a battle we can't afford to lose!

"If I add you into the undiluted lifeforce, it would make this a solution of all this city. Isn't that right, water hero-san?" (Gabriel)

And the battle stance of the Demon Lord was also ready.

"That pond is already close to overflowing, so let's wrap it up in this place. After making you and those two into undiluted lifeforce, let's begin the long awaited discharge event." (Gabriel)

"Try it if you can! Today we will make it clear whose life will be ending!" (Celestis)

"Today isn't an ending but a beginning. The humans in this land will be the beginning to the eventual complete undiluted lifeforce transformation. And then, they will return to the ocean of beginnings. Be grateful that I have prepared such a beautiful closing for you all." (Gabriel)

"That's unnecessary meddling!! We will be doing the production of our own ending!!" (Celestis)

The water Demon Lord and the water hero were scattering sparks.

"Why are the water people all so poison-tongued?!" (Mirack)

Mirack-chan pointed out a really sound thing.

But the opponent is a Demon Lord. It is not someone that you can simply challenge and win.

There's the need to understand your own strength and the opponent's, and plan a way to defeat your opponent...

Our side has Mirack-chan, Celestis-chan, and I, and also.....eh? Only us three?!

There should be another one! Where is she?!

"Well then, let's begin. I will be looking forward to how your cultured way of

fighting is.” (Gabriel)

“.....I have no obligation to answer that expectation.”

At that moment, the shadow at the feet of the Demon Lord Gabriel undulated.

At the same time as this happened...a girl jumped out from the shadow!

“Doraha-san?!” (Karen)

Since when was she hiding inside the shadow of Gabriel?!

The position is right at the proximity of Gabriel, because the shadow was stretching at her back, she has completely taken the back of Gabriel.

Gabriel also had a look as if thinking ‘why did someone come out from my shadow?’.

It was a perfect surprise attack.

“You have no worth in existing. Break and become simple divine power!”  
(Doraha)

The kick of Doraha-san wrapped in shadow attacked the neck of Gabriel.

## Chapter 294: Battle at the waterside

Doraha-san's kick connected onto the neck of Gabriel without any obstructions.

The kicked neck of Gabriel cracked on and on, and then, only her head flew into the sky.

It was truly a beheading.

“““Eeeeeeehhhh?!””””

All three of us were surprised.

When I look properly, I saw that Doraha-san's leg was cladded with a shadow shaped sharply like a blade.

So that's what became the guillotine that beheaded Gabriel.

The lost art of altering light divine power into shadow.

Doraha-san was the strongest user of shadow in the Underworld Country — the shadow hero.

Her ability of changing a shadow into a blade, and her ability to hide in the shadows; that mastery in the arts of shadow, as expected of the shadow hero. It is on a whole different level from Ates who had just learned about it.

“Eh?! Wait, is it over? Is this how it ends?!” (Celestis)

“The Water Demon Lord died?!” (Mirack)

Celestis-chan and Mirack-chan looked dumbstruck at the head of Gabriel that was flying through the sky like a ball.

Normally, most living beings would die if they had their head cut off, but the monsters that are born outside the logic of living beings...moreover, the Demon Lords that stand at their summit...

“That just now was a pretty good attack.” (Gabriel)

The cut head of Gabriel was caught splendidly by her body.

“What?!” (Doraha)

Even when her head and body were separated, as if saying there wasn't much problem with that, Gabriel caught her head as if she were playing catch-ball.

“If you are going to make a surprise attack, it should be at the back where the senses of the opponent are the hardest to reach. Taking the back of a strong opponent that you can't win against upfront is a matter of course. The ability to make that succeed, and to creep your way without making a sound, it is quite the thing. This is culture.” (Gabriel)

That abnormality made even Doraha-san falter.

“Too bad. If it wasn't me who is made up of more than 90% ocean water, you could have defeated me with that just now. Not only slashes, even if I were to crumble to pieces, I can regenerate.” (Gabriel)

Gabriel returns her head to its original position. It went back to how it was, as if there wasn't a wound from the very beginning.

Her comrade Raphael had survived even when Haine-san destroyed most of the cells of his body.

That's why this was a development I somewhat expected.

“At any rate, you use the divine power in quite an interesting way. That dark divine power, at first, I thought that it was the same as that Kuromiya Haine, but it is completely different. I judge that it is an altered version of light divine power.” (Gabriel)

Moreover, she saw through the shadow power of Doraha-san with a single attack?

“Interesting. The moment a single change is made into something, it turns into culture. Show me more of your culture. Provide growth to the intelligence of us monsters.” (Gabriel)

“Even if you don't tell me, I will show you. But what comes after isn't growth, but destruction.” (Doraha)

The surprise attack failed.

Even with that, Doraha-san valiantly faces her.

She jumped high and the kick that drew a big arc was aiming at Gabriel's head.

"[Shadow Mirror Beak]!!" (Doraha)

"Ara ara, a big kick technique. That's not really cultured." (Gabriel)

True, the kick of Doraha-san just now was so wide it was easily dealt with using a single arm.

But that was the aim of Doraha-san.

Doraha-san was in the sky, and at the ground, there was her shadow. From that shadow, as if it was waiting for Doraha-san, a giant shadow mouth surfaced.

"Wa?!" (Gabriel)

Even Gabriel was surprised at the giant shadow big enough to swallow her whole.

"The reason of the big motion was to move the target's attention up."  
(Doraha)

The shadow that swelled up looked like the beak of a pelican trying to swallow up its prey whole.

That beak had swallowed Gabriel until her waist, but was stopped by the pressure Gabriel was exerting on it.

"If breaking you will only make you regenerate like water, I just have to swallow you without leaving anything behind —using my shadow." (Doraha)

She is trying to do that with the shadow that's coming out from the ground.

"By moving one's attention up, it makes your legs open, I see. But don't underestimate me. For a Demon Lord like me, your divine power is just—!"  
(Gabriel)

"Karen-sama!!" (Doraha)

Doraha-san calls me.

...!

I see!!

“[Holy Light Line]!!” (Karen)

A beam was released from the holy sword, Saint George.

The target is not Gabriel but the shadow beak that is trying to swallow her.

The light spear pierced the shadow.

“What are you doing? Interfering with the attack of your comrade?!” (Gabriel)

The read of Gabriel was completely wrong.

The shadow beak absorbed the light and became deeper, clearer.

“Wa?!” (Gabriel)

“Shadow grows stronger with light divine power!!” (Doraha)

With the combination of my light divine power, the shadow power trying to swallow Gabriel gets stronger. It was as if a vacuum of darkness was trying to suck her into the shadows.

The black was clashing with the blue, but the black grew stronger and stronger.

By having a light and shadow user cooperate, it is possible to fight in this way.

“It is not only that. Today’s weather is clear. The natural light of the sun strengthens my shadow and becomes its nutrient. Be swallowed by the strength of this whole world! Be eliminated without leaving a single trace behind, Demon Lord!!” (Doraha)

What a fight.

The darkness that tries to swallow everything. It was like a reproduction of Haine-san’s way of battle.

As I thought, Doraha-san is the shadow hero that has come from the fires of battle a thousand years ago.

Her surprise attack to light up the sparks of battle was also splendid.

Even if that surprise attack didn’t work, she has a wide array of techniques

that lets her plan further ahead. An offensive battle style that doesn't let a single moment to breath.

Everything is not simply because she is a good divine power user, but because she has gone through several scenes of carnage.

“Karen, Celestis!! What are you getting all spaced out for?! We are late to join!!” (Mirack)

The reprimand of Mirack-chan was thrown at us who were watching the fight of Doraha-san.

“Protecting this world is the duty of us current heroes. We can't leave it all to that little girl. We will join the fray!!” (Mirack)

It is as Mirack-chan says.

Leaving it all to Doraha-san would be a disgrace as a hero.

“Oi, cow!!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan calls.

When I looked, I saw that Phalaris-san was at our back. This cow-san that we brought all the way here with our flying machines from Muspelheim to here.

But why did we have to do all that?

“You understand, right cow?! This is the reason why we had you accompany us all the way here!! For the sake of protecting the people of Celestis! Lend me your power again!!” (Mirack)

(Good grief, no choice then!!) (Phalaris)

The cow-san bellows and there was an overwhelming change in Mirack-chan.

It appears, the fire God Hero.

## Chapter 295: An attempt for resolution

From Mirack-chan's body, an overwhelming fire divine power I have never seen before burns.

The heat produced from her body was so high that I couldn't get too close to her, and because of her hair going up due to the intensity of her divine power, it was as if they were undulating like fire.

"This is...the Fire God Hero?!" (Karen)

I have become a light God Hero myself, but this is the first time I see someone else become one. That intensity made me lose my breath.

Did I look like this when I became a God Hero?

"Karen, become a light God Hero too. Also, Celestis, leave the Demon Lord to us!" (Mirack)

Eh?

I was about to ask in more detail about this, but Celestis-chan was faster.

"What do you mean by that, Mirack-chi?! This is Hydra Ville! The ones in danger are the people of the Water Church! Who will fight if not me, the water hero?!" (Celestis)

"I am saying that we will take your place in fighting. That's why, Celestis, you do what only you can do." (Mirack)

"What only I can do'?" (Celestis)

Mirack-chan continues speaking while maintaining her God Hero form.

"The people that were made into liquid, you can return them to normal with water divine power. Isn't that right?" (Mirack)

"That's right, but...are you telling me...!" (Celestis)

"Celestis, you begin doing that right now. Return those liquified people to

how they were with your own hands!” (Mirack)

The reason why we didn’t do that and tried to defeat Gabriel first was because she would definitely get in our way.

What’s most important for us right now is not to defeat the Demon Lord but to save the people.

In this situation where we don’t know when the water gate will open, prioritizing the undiluted life force is by no means the wrong choice.

“We will hold back the Demon Lord. You can’t turn into a God Hero anyways, so not only can you not defeat the Demon Lord, you won’t even be able to hurt her. You should understand that plenty.” (Mirack)

“T-That’s true, but...” (Celestis)

Even with the strongest attack of Sarasa-san, she lost to Gabriel without inflicting a single wound.

In order for the current us to win against a Demon Lord, there’s the need of the God Hero form.

“In your current state with no God Hero form, you would only get in the way. You concentrate on saving the people, leave the Demon Lord to us. You are shouldering the most important job.” (Mirack)

To think Mirack-chan could see the picture of the battle so sharply. After becoming a God Hero and gaining experience fighting Michael, Mirack-chan herself has grown.

“The most important thing is not to defeat the Demon Lord, it is to save the people. That’s exactly right.” (Karen)

At any rate, I decided on riding it to the right direction.

“We will do something about the Demon Lord, so Celestis-chan, save the people turned into undiluted life force. The only one here that can use water divine power is you, Celestis-chan. If they get you, Celestis-chan, even if we were to defeat the Demon Lord, we won’t be able to save the people.” (Karen)

“In other words, you are basically the king in this chessboard. The moment you are taken, we lose. Keep that in consideration.” (Mirack)

Celestis-chan is intelligent. No matter how much she has lost herself right now, she can't reject things that have sound logic.

"Ah geez! I get it already!! I will concentrate on saving the people, so crush that soused mackerel woman! I am counting on you, okay?!!" (Celestis)

Of course, Celestis-chan!

If I turn into the Light God Hero, it will become the world's first time two God Heroes fight a Demon Lord. We can gang up on her.

Doraha-san as well is pushing Gabriel back.

It is not impossible to defeat a Demon Lord now!

"I will also do it!! Change! Light God Hero!!" (Karen)

""What's with that call?!!""

Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan retorted, but I thought it would be saddening without doing some sort of initial call before transforming!

But I put a lot of spirit in it to become a God Hero, and yet, there was no change at all.

...? Only a vacant atmosphere flowed.

"Eh?"

What? Why?!

I tried to turn into a God Hero, and yet, why didn't I turn into one?!

I turned into a God Hero and drove off Ates, and Mirack-chan managed to transform so easily.

(I—It is obviously impossible, you light brat!!) (Phalaris)

That voice is...Phalaris-san?!

(In order to become a God Hero, the help of a God is necessary! In this moment when Inflation is not close, becoming a light God Hero is a dream among dreams! Or more like, argh, this is tough!! This is tough!!) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san said while sounding desperate.

(Or more like, you people, if you are going to do planning, become a God Hero

after! It pointlessly increased the time of my burden!!” (Phalaris)

What does he mean by that?! Inflation, he says. Does he mean the Light God Inflation that us Light nation people worship?!

Inflation-sama is not close by? That’s why she can’t help us?!

But Inflation-sama is supposed to be watching over us all the time!

“Anyways, it can’t be helped! Doraha and I will do something about this Gabriel!!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan makes the flames of her God Hero form swirl.

“Karen, now that it has come to this, please support Celestis! Protect Celestis and make it so that she can fully concentrate on her work of saving the people!” (Mirack)

Could it be that I am the most useless one this time?!

“Let’s go!!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan rushed immediately and assaulted Gabriel who is being swallowed by Doraha-san’s shadow.

I won’t let you do as you wish! Stay still until you get swallowed by the shadow!!” (Mirack)

“Ara ara, I know about you. You are that thing called God Hero, right?” (Gabriel)

Her lower body is inside the shadow, her upper body was held by Mirack-chan in God Hero mode, and yet, Gabriel’s calm didn’t crumble.

“Karen-chi, what are you doing?!” (Celestis)

And a voice reprimands me.

“Now that it has come to this, we will be moving as planned! Come with me to save the liquified people!!” (Celestis)

“O-Okay!” (Karen)

Celestis-chan and I quickly ran towards the reserve pond that’s filled with undiluted lifeforce.

The undiluted lifeforce and the corners of the reserve pond were almost at the same height.

Celestis-chan simply knelt down and she was already able to touch the surface of the undiluted lifeforce.

“This is everyone...! Papa and the people I know of!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan’s expression warped in pain.

“But Celestis-chan...! Right now...!!” (Karen)

“I know. In the time Mirack-chi and Doraha-chi are doing their best, I will bring everyone back!! Miki-Moses! Pass my divine power to the undiluted lifeforce!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan’s divine power rises and spreads in the reserve pond that’s filled with undiluted lifeforce.

“...Celestis-chan? How is it going?” (Karen)

“Wait a bit..... I am beginning to understand. This undiluted lifeforce isn’t simply turning the body of a human into liquid. The information that comprises the soul of the people, it is sealed inside this liquid as well!” (Celestis)

...

Uhm...what?

“That’s why, by passing water divine power through it and taking out the information of each one of them, the reformation of the body using the undiluted lifeforce as material will begin. In that case, let’s do it! The whole lot of it!!” (Celestis)

The output of Celestis-chan’s water divine power increases even more.

This should be mostly the all-out of Celestis-chan.

But is it okay to be letting out this much?!

“Celestis-chan, are you okay?!” (Karen)

“Guh! The reformation is consuming more divine power than I thought. That soused mackerel woman! She transformed several tens of thousands of people with this technique that takes so much divine power, moreover, she managed

to do it in a single day! As expected, Demon Lords are outrageous!” (Celestis)

I can tell that trying to save them is incredibly difficult.

But if we get to save one person, it would be a result in itself!!

Do your best, Celestis-chan!!

(I can't allow you to do that.)

Eh?

A voice resonates directly into our head again?!

Moreover, it is completely different from Phalaris-san. It is a deep viscous voice.

Who is this?!

## Chapter 296: Evil God appears

*Splash!*

Making a noisy splashing sound, what jumped out from the undiluted life force was one lizard.

“Gyaaaaa!!” (Celestis)

“L-L-Lizard?! Noo, don’t come over here!” (Karen)

All girls hate slimy reptiles!!

And so, Celestis-chan and I were incredibly agitated.

At that time, *Gush!* the burning leg of Mirack-chan steps on the lizard-san.

Did she go through the trouble of stopping her fight with Gabriel?

“...What are you two doing?” (Mirack)

““I am sorry.””

Mirack-chan is manly as always!

“Look closely. This guy is not a real lizard. It is a monster.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan lifts her leg, and there was nothing left of the lizard.

Once monsters die, they return to being pure divine power and don’t even leave a corpse.

(Good grief, what a rustic woman. Might be fitting for the hero of the muscle-headed Nova-san though.)

““Waaaa?!””

The lizard again! A lizard jumped out from the undiluted life force?!

(I am not a lizard. This Crawling Devil is a newt water element monster. Well, girls like you that are filled with cotton inside their head wouldn’t be able to tell the difference between a newt and a lizard anyways.)

...What did it just say?

What's with this monster? It is as if it can naturally piss off people.

In the first place, why is it that a monster other than the Demon Lords can speak human words? It is like Phalaris-san.

(Crawling Devil is a weak small monster, but its manufacturing cost is low, and it is perfect for a temporary body. Even if I get crushed like just now, I can soon come back.)

Is what the lizard says, or rather, the newt as it inflated and deflated around the chin. Is that the newt breathing or something?

“Geez, what's with this?! Let's ignore this little monster and continue the rescue! Each second is valuable!!” (Celestis)

(And I said I wouldn't allow you, right?)

At the feet of Celestis-chan who was trying to head to the pool of undiluted lifeforce, the newt stood in her way.

(Celestis-san, since before, I have been tired of you not listening to me, but now I don't even plan on playing along with you. You are already of no use to me after all.)

“What are you saying, you mere lizard monster! I don't know about you!!” (Celestis)

Uhm...it is a newt.

(It is a matter of course that you wouldn't notice. But I know you well. You broke the rules of the Church, and entered a frivolous act like being an idol, lowering the authority of a hero. A dirty girl that was born from the womb of a prostitute planted by the current Water Founder. In reality, you shouldn't be worthy of shouldering the honour of being the water hero.)

*Bam!* a feet strongly stepped on it.

Celestis-chan trampled on the newt monster like Mirack-chan.

There was darkness I had never seen before in that expression.

(Fuhahahaha!! Did you get angry at being hit on the nail?! As expected of a brat, your emotional control is lacking!!)

The newt once again comes out from the pool.

What's with this thing?! Unlimited newt works?!

(Let's return to the main topic. It is my bad habit to derail. When I find the weakness of someone, I can't just not praise it, you see.)

"You...!" (Celestis)

"Wait, Celestis-chan! Don't get caught in his provocation!" (Karen)

If you go along with this lizard, we won't be able to move forward at all!

(I said it before but, I can't let you destroy this Ekhidna Spring. This is an important contract between her and I after all.)

""?!""

What does that mean?

There's no doubt this Ekhidna Spring that this liza-newt is talking about is referring to the undiluted lifeforce pool.

I thought it was a matter of course that a monster would be protecting the undiluted lifeforce that the Lord of monsters has created, but the way this lizard acts, makes me feel like it is different.

This monster is the same as the others, but it has something that's completely different from them.

"Celestis! Karen!! What are you two doing?! Is this the time to be distracted by such a small fry?!" (Mirack)

Mirack-chan reprimands us from the back.

(Seriously, it is as she says. To deal with me and forget about what you should be doing, a careless act fitting of a hero. Hohoho!)

The lizard mocks us.

The pressure that attacks us from our back made Celestis-chan and I turn back our heads.

There, a crisis was occurring.

"...Ara ara, so you have stopped those intruding girls. What a good boy,

Lizard-san.” (Gabriel)

Gabriel had broken through the shadow beak of Doraha-san.

“Kugh!” (Doraha)

And Doraha-san, having her own attack broken, was hit with the recoil.

“The cooperation of many, using the power of nature; looks like you were lacking in energy to stop this Demon Lord.” (Gabriel)

“Not yet! [Flame Knuckle]!” (Mirack)

In order to stop this degrading situation, Mirack-chan released a Flame Knuckle.

It wasn't a regular Flame Knuckle, it is a super high temperature Flame Knuckle powered up by the God Hero form.

However, Gabriel covered herself with the transparent wings growing from her back, and blocked that fire punch with it.

A fire attack of a God Hero was completely stopped.

“D—Damn it!!” (Mirack)

“Even between the Demon Lords and God Heroes, the elemental affinities apply. Water extinguishing fire still applies between you and me, you know?” (Gabriel)

The elemental affinities affected the battle!

“Too bad. If Raphael was the one here, you would have an overwhelming advantage.” (Gabriel)

(Being in ecstasy to the power of the God Hero, you ended up forgetting the basic principle of elemental affinity. As expected, humans are foolish. Humans holding the power of Gods is a waste of a treasure.)

At some point in time, the lizard monster had crawled up to the shoulder of Gabriel.

This may be obvious but, are they actually comrades?

(That's why Gods abandon you people and the Gods decide to side with

monsters. As the seed that will prosper the most in the surface world. You humans are already not needed. Please disappear obediently.)

“What are you saying?!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan bites at the words of the lizard.

“You are a mere small monster, and yet, you are talking about the will of the Gods?! How disrespectful! There’s no way you would understand the thoughts of the Gods!!” (Celestis)

(No, I do.)

The lizard says.

(That’s because I am a God after all.)

“““Hah?”””

That statement took us three off guard.

What did that lizard say just now? Did our ears go crazy?

But that lizard said something hard to accept in a clear voice.

(I am the Water God, Coacervate.)

## Chapter 297: The worst disclosure

The Water God Coacervate; one of the five bigs that created this world and the God that is worshipped by the Water Church.

It is the highest religious belief of Celestis-chan and the people of the Water nation, and the target to offer prayers.

That name has come out from such a small monster.

“...Don’t joke around.” (Celestis)

And of course, the water hero Celestis-chan’s voice trembled in anger.

She normally looks frivolous, but Celestis-chan is the water hero, the representative of the Water Church. Her devotion should also be higher than regular.

“Being an idol, I have heard many a joke from a lot of people, but this is the first time I hear such a bad joke. It was so bad that you would be dragged down in the middle of your performance and be forever forbidden to go air again.”  
(Celestis)

(Hohoh~, is that so.)

“The Water God Coacervate-sama is the holiest of existences for us Water Church! And yet, for you to insult it in this way! You are prepared to be shred to pieces, right?!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan was serious.

She even forgot about the existence of Gabriel that had the lizard on her shoulder and takes a stance with her Miki-Moses.

“You are a God, you say?! You mere small lizard. If you are going to make stupid lies, make them when you have become a lot more majestic!!” (Celestis)

(And as I said, I am a newt... But you do have a point there. In order for us Gods to go to the surface world, there’s the need for us to use a temporary

body. Just like that Nova-san over there.)

“WA?!” (Mirack)

The one who reacted to that was Mirack-chan.

She followed the gaze of the lizard and turns back to Phalaris-san who was behind us.

(...!)

“Then, he really is...?!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan seems to have an inkling of what he said.

(I also wanted to prepare a more fitting body as a God, but lately, I have been involved with many bad people, you see. If I am going to have my body destroyed by them, it would be better to have a body that I wouldn't mind it being destroyed.)

“Ara, I think it is a great body. It is small and cute.” (Gabriel)

Gabriel moves the lizard from her shoulder to her hands and plays around with it.

It looks like they have a good relationship.

“No matter what you say, I won't believe it! There's no way Coacervate-sama would be such a small lizard!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan's hostility was becoming obstinacy.

I at first was also adverse to this and couldn't accept this talk at all, but little by little, I felt something that made me have no choice but to accept it coming from that lizard.

On top of that, as if reinforcing the statement of that lizard...

(Coacervate.) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san faced the lizard and speaks.

(What is the meaning of this? Being so blunt about your existence towards the humans, isn't that an action that breaks the rules of us Gods?) (Phalaris)

In response to that, the lizard answers with an attitude as if mocking it.

(Fuhohoho. The rules of Gods huh. You have become quite the good boy after living for a bit with the humans, Nova. If Entropy saw this, he would be moved to tears.)

(The Dark God has nothing to do with this. Gods revealing themselves to humans should be an inviolable rule, a taboo.) (Phalaris)

...!

Entropy, the Dark God?!

(When Gods reveal themselves to humans, the God and the humans will get too close that humans won't be able to send prayers anymore. For the side of Entropy that protects the humans, the Gods being close to humans would mean that the humans would lose the strong spirit of trying to overcome problems by themselves. Thus, no matter what position you are in, the conclusion that we should 'hide our existence' was reached.) (Phalaris)

(Yeah, that's exactly right. But that kind of consideration is already unneeded. That's because the humans themselves are not needed anymore.)

The lizard says as if nothing; as if he were throwing a tool that he can't use anymore.

(Nova, aren't you the same? For what reason did you take that monster body?)

(.....)

Maybe it hit a place where it hurt, the cow-san freezes.

His body trembles.

(Because civilization was developing, humans were forgetting their prayers towards Gods, and in order to punish them for that, you became the Fire Cow Phalaris, right? In order to bring divine punishment through the violence that a monster would bring about. Aren't you one of the Gods that was already tired of the foolishness of humans?)

(That's...true but...!!) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san was searching for words to refute that, but as if saying he couldn't, he lowered his head.

Phalaris-san was actually a monster that lived at the mountain range close to Muspelheim.

It controlled the place and should have moved in order to attack the monster, and yet, it didn't; a mysterious monster.

At a moment in time, it moved straight to the city in order to destroy it.

If Haine-san hadn't stopped him, Muspelheim would have been burned down without leaving even ashes.

What the lizard says fitted these points.

(And yet, you were defeated and are now basically a pet taken care of by humans. The heroic Fire God Nova has fallen so much.)

(W-Who is a pet?!)(Phalaris)

(Not only that, you even changed your own hero into a God Hero and are trying to save them from demise. Since when did the Fire God fall down to being a betrayer of his own beliefs? Being treated as a pet, was even your heart domesticated into a pet?)

Phalaris-san shouts.

(Are you insulting this Fire God?! Gods are the summit of this world! They don't curry the favour of no one, and kneel to no one!! If humans are to pull a slight on me, my anger will become divine punishment, and I will burn those fools down!! ...Ah.)(Phalaris)

As if Phalaris-san were saying 'oh crap', he looks at his surroundings.

There were three heroes here counting me who were dumbstruck by hearing the conversation of Phalaris-san.

(Now that I think about it, you people can hear my voice now..... No well, you see...!!)(Phalaris)

(Isn't it fine? That testimony just now was the reality of the will between us Gods.)

The lizard laughed with its lizard face.

(You understand now, heroes? The Gods are already fed up with you humans.

Being all high up with the ethereal, you stopped worshipping Gods and abandoned us. And so, the ones that were chosen as the replacement of humans by us Gods are...!)

The lizard crawls up the thin arm; the thin arm of the summit of Water monsters, Gabriel.

(The monsters. That's why I am cooperating with her in destroying the humans.)

"Oh geez, I have received the seal of approval from a God." (Gabriel)

Gabriel once again plays around with the lizard.

"That's how it is, humans. You have already been abandoned by your Gods. Now that humanity has no use for the Gods, you have no choice but to disappear as an olden race. I will keep alive the culture you people have build up, so at least disappear uprightly at the end." (Gabriel)

Is what the Demon Lord said as she held up a God.

## Chapter 298: We have been abandoned

Gods have abandoned humans?

No way. Then...we humans will...really be destroyed by the monsters?!

“...”

“Kuh...”

Celestis-chan and Mirack-chan looked as if they had their souls pierced by this reality.

They were frozen and couldn't move from their place.

(Nice, nice!! The despair in your faces, it is the best! It was worth the trouble of stirring up Nova and inviting you people to this land!!) (Coacervate)

The God that was taking the form of a lizard was clapping with its front legs as if finding this amusing.

(Hey, Gabriel-san. It is as I said, wasn't it? Never doubting the Gods, believing that they will always be loved by the Gods; the moment they realize that was just their own assumptions, that expression they show...! There's no more fitting portrait for the catastrophe we have drawn!!) (Coacervate)

“How stimulating. It is said that at times tragedies are popular, but maybe this is also culture. This is a learning experience.” (Gabriel)

The Demon Lord Gabriel and the God Coacervate; the two were side by side as if they were sharing same beliefs.

Gods are our allies.

I didn't doubt this once.

It was as natural as the sun rising from the east and sinking from the west; that's how natural I thought Gods were watching over us humans.

But that wasn't the case.

The Gods were angered by how the humans didn't love them, and due to this, they have also stopped loving humans as well.

There have been claims that monsters were created as punishment to humans for being selfish.

Are you saying those claims were correct?

Are Gods really wishing for monsters to replace humans? For monsters to be the ones prospering in this surface world?

"To tell you the truth, this way of eradicating humans by changing them into undiluted lifeforce was taught to me by him. Accumulating it in this pond temporarily and releasing it all at once as well. The grandness of it when it happens, isn't it the most fitting production for the long history of you humans?" (Gabriel)

Gabriel continues.

"The Gods have provided you humans with a beautiful end. Isn't that the last pity they have given to you humans?" (Gabriel) "There's no end that's beautiful."

In substitute of us who were bound by the chains called despair, there was one shadow that moved swiftly.

That shadow ran fast around Gabriel.

Doraha-san.

"Eradication and death, it is always unsightly. That's why humans fear extinction and try to avoid it by all means." (Doraha)

(A survivor of the Underworld Country huh. The words of a human who has tasted eradication does have the convincing power!) (Coacervate)

The words of Coacervate that were mixed with ill-will didn't make Doraha-san react.

"Little girl, still want to fight? I admit that you are a divine power user that's a cut above the rest, but even with that, you are far from reaching us Demon Lords. Hasn't that been proved already? Aside from the God Heroes, I would say that there's only Kuromiya Haine who would be a match to us." (Gabriel)

“True. But in order to fill in the gaps of strength that are hard to fill up, preparation will be what’s used to fill that up. And what’s needed for preparation is time.” (Doraha)

From the feet of Gabriel, the shadow beak appears once again and swallows the lower body of Gabriel.

The reason why Gabriel was easily caught must be because she thinks ‘she can escape at any time’.

“You wasted time in pointless chattering with Karen-sama and the others, and have allowed my preparations to finish. Learn that this is the cause of your defeat!” (Doraha)

Wa?!

The divine power of Doraha-san is radically increasing?!

“What a foolish girl. I will get out of this level of restrain instantly and turn you into undiluted lifeforce.” (Gabriel) Gabriel begins to move —but she couldn’t.

She was clearly struggling, and yet, she couldn’t break away from the shadow beak of Doraha-san.

“?! What is the meaning of this?! I easily managed to destroy it before, and yet, this shadow is increasing in power?!” (Gabriel)

(You idiot! Getting caught off-guard! A shadow user increases in power by absorbing light!!) (Coacervate)

The lizard at the shoulder of Gabriel raised its voice in agitation.

Now that he mentions it...!

Our surroundings have turned dark as if clouds had blocked the sun.

Even though there were no clouds in the sky, even though the sun is casting sunlight all over?!

“Oi! This abnormality...!” (Mirack)

“I feel like I have seen it before!” (Celestis)

Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan were flustered by this abnormality and their

despair was lowering.

“If I remember correctly, this is what happened when Doraha destroyed the Golem of Sasae!” (Celestis)

“That time was also sunny, and yet, it suddenly turned dark, right?!” (Mirack)

Absorbing light, she changes it into power for her shadows!

“Ah!” (Karen)

No good!

In the fight with Sasae-chan, when Doraha-san made something like this happen, her powers went berserk and she was about to change into shadow.

It is because Yorishiro-sama was close that her sanity returned!

But right now there’s no Haine-san or Yorishiro-sama. If Doraha-san were to go berserk in this situation.....!

“I...I am...!!” (Doraha)

“No good! Doraha-san!!” (Karen)

“—I am...the unparalleled shadow user.” (Doraha)

Eh?

The phrase of Doraha-san is different.

The Doraha-san, that has been on berserk until now due to her grieve on the destruction of her country, was caught in her delusion of becoming their protector God, the Dark God Entropy.

‘I am the Dark God Entropy’, is what she told herself.

But right now it is different.

“—I...even if I have lost my homeland, due to my new connections, I have found a reason to fight.” (Doraha)

It was as if she were doing a chant in order to give herself purpose.

“Doraha?!” (Mirack)

“Doraha-chi?!” (Celestis)

Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan were also drawn in by that statement of Doraha-san.

“—Thus, I am invincible. There’s nothing my shadow can’t pierce. There’s nothing that my shadow can’t kill.” (Doraha)

The surroundings get steadily darker.

It is already night -even though it is broad daylight.

Doraha-san has absorbed all the light the sun is shining?!

(Gabriel! What are you taking your time for?! Quickly escape! An attack that has this much light accumulated, it would rival that of a God Hero!)  
(Coacervate)

“I can’t...! The restrain of this shadow is so strong...! It doesn’t even budge?!”  
(Gabriel)

No matter if Gabriel were to struggle, it was all too late.

Due to her hatred born from her fallen homeland, Doraha-san threw away her humanity once, however, she has returned in the current era and has gained connections with Yorishiro-sama and many others, and now, she has received a rebirth.

This is not an attack with the anger of things that she has lost, but an attack to protect what she has now.

Doraha-san is brandishing the power that had consumed her in the past once again.

(Gabriel! Now that it has come to this...!!) (Coacervate)

Too late.

“Be erased, [Shadow Cannon]!!” (Doraha)

What Doraha-san shot was the true definition of a black beam.

This shadow bombardment of wide radius enveloped Gabriel.

## Chapter 299: God Demon Lord

I could only describe it as amazing.

The bombardment Doraha-san released had power surpassing that of my Holy Light Line, and it stretched as if it could pierce the heavens.

The waves it created were also overwhelming and even us who were outside the range were hit by the gales.

“Uwa!” “Woah woah woah!”

We hurriedly guarded ourselves, and if we didn’t properly put our hands on the ground, it felt as if we would be blown away.

Because of the gales, even the undiluted lifeforce undulates heavily, and we were shivering at the prospect of it spilling out, but it looks like it managed to stay inside.

(That shadow girl...! To think that she could use so much power!” (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san –or maybe the Fire God, Nova-sama?– was also surprised by the shadow beam that Doraha-san shot.

That power completely rivaled that of a God Hero.

Being able to line up with God Heroes without borrowing the power of Gods, as I thought, Doraha-san is way too amazing.

“Gabriel got hit by that attack directly. She was bound by the shadow, evasion was obviously impossible!” (Mirack)

“This should be the end of the Demon Lord!” (Celestis)

Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan were sure that Doraha-san’s ultimate technique had completely erased Gabriel. I was also the same.

If she didn’t die from that, there’s nothing we would be able to do against the Demon Lord.

And yet...!

(“Fu...hahahahahaha!!”)

?!

Wa...that voice just now!

It is as if a voice that resonates directly in my head and a voice resonating through the air were overlapped!

(“That just now made me shiver. An unexpected danger.”)

What’s this?! What’s this voice?!

The cloud of dust made from the shadow beam of Doraha-san clears up.

Inside it, what appeared was...!

“Gabriel?!” (Karen)

No way! Even with an attack of that much power, the Demon Lord was not defeated?!

“No no, even I wouldn’t have been able to endure the attack just now. If I had been hit by it, there’s no doubt I would have died. If I were just a Demon Lord, that is.” (Gabriel)

(That’s right, but the current Gabriel-san is not just a Demon Lord.)  
(Coacervate)

As I thought, there’s two voices speaking.

What’s the meaning of this?

(Don’t you get it? It is the same. The same as your God Hero.) (Coacervate)

“Getting a super power-up by receiving a part of a God is a God Hero, right? Then, I who has been chosen by the Water God Coacervate, isn’t it fine for the same to happen?” (Gabriel) ?!

In other words...!

The Demon Lord Gabriel has received a part of the Water God Coacervate...

(“Water God Demon Lord”)

The cloud of dust had cleared up completely and the figure of Gabriel was clear to the sight.

At the forehead of Gabriel, a small lizard was sticking onto it. This small

monster that calls itself the Water God Coacervate, rather than calling it sticking, it is more like it is completely adhered!

(I won't do something as stingy as only giving a part, I have given everything to Gabriel-san. Right now Gabriel-san and I are completely one!) (Coacervate)

"That is the Water God Demon Lord, Gabriel. You humans finally were able to put the game on even grounds with your card of God Hero, and yet, with this, it returns to the previous relationship in power. Pitiful humans." (Gabriel)

No way!

By having the help of Gods, we were finally able to bring it to an even battle with the Demon Lords...

So Gods have really abandoned humans? Did the Gods take the side of the Demon Lords?

("Well then, let's deal with the most troublesome one first.")

The God Demon Lord Gabriel's gaze is directed at her feet.

At that place, there is...!

"Doraha-san?!" (Karen)

Maybe because she had released a big attack, she is exhausted and her eyes are out of focus.

The God Demon Lord has approached right before her face, and yet, she can't even react to it.

("Bye bye, small troublesome one.")

A super high-pressure water current was released from the hand of Gabriel and Doraha-san couldn't even avoid it.

Being hit directly, she was swept by it and ends up falling inside the undiluted lifeforce pool.

*Splash*

And just like that, she sinks and didn't surface.

"Doraha-san! Doraha-saaaaan!!!" (Karen)

Unable to make it in time, I ran close to the reserve pond and called Dorahasan, but as if obvious, there was no response.

(We ended up throwing her into the Ekhidna Spring without turning her into undiluted life force..... It would be troublesome to have impure things mixing in it.) (Coacervate)

“Isn’t that fine. It is just one. After melting the other three, we will be discharging it all at once anyways.” (Gabriel) Gabriel’s target had now turned to us.

““!!””

Mirack-chan and I stepped back out of fear.

Right now, the only one who can become a God Hero is Mirack-chan. But the Fire God Hero is on an incredibly disadvantageous position against the Water Demon Lord. Moreover, the current Gabriel has become one with Coacervate and became a Water God Demon Lord.

If it is a God Hero and a God Demon Lord, the difference in strength would basically be that of a hero and a Demon Lord; in other words, a great difference.

We have no cards to play!

“I actually have hope now.” (Celestis)

““?!””

Celestis-chan was the one who spoke.

What did you say, Celestis-chan? In this situation where there’s only despair, what hope did you get?!

“Gabriel has become a God Demon Lord, and it has been proved that the Water God has truly become the ally of the Demon Lords. But that has also proved one other thing. The proof of the God Heroes.” (Celestis)

...?

“If the Gods had all truly abandoned us humans, why was Karen-chi able to become a Light God Hero? Why was Mirack-chi able to become a Fire God Hero? A God Hero is actual proof that Gods are helping the humans. If Gods

were truly wishing for the fall of humans, there's no way they would help us!!" (Celestis) That's true.

I look at Mirack-chan who was able to become a God Hero thanks to the power of Nova-sama.

"Five Gods of Creation! There's five Gods in total, they are not one single entity! There's Gods with different ideologies. There may be Gods who hate humans, but there's also Gods that love them. As long as the Gods belief in humans, humans won't throw away hope!!" (Celestis)

(At the very least, your God has abandoned you though.) (Coacervate)

The lizard adhered to the forehead of Gabriel says -the Water God Coacervate that the Water Church worships.

(I am that very God after all. Leaving aside the idiots of the other churches, you alone have the right to despair. Now, what shall you do? Are you going to despair? Or are you going to do something as unsightly as changing your affiliation to another God now?) (Coacervate)

"Don't joke! I won't throw away my belief towards you!!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan valiantly threw caustic words at her own God.

"My father is the Water Founder, and my mother is the best courtesan in the Water capital; that's me, Re Celestis! I was raised in this Water capital, live in this city, and love the people here from the depths of my heart! The history this city has accumulated, the culture that it has knitted, the mixed art; I love them more than anyone else!!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan had high pride as she announced this loudly.

"Water God! You are the very source of the Water Church, the Water capital! If I didn't love you, then how would I be able to love everything that regards to Water?! Prepare yourself, Water God!! No matter how filthy or how underhanded of an existence you are, I will continue loving you!!" (Celestis)

## Chapter 300: The capital of love

Water hero, Re Celestis; her mother worked as a courtesan.

A courtesan can also be called a 'high-class prostitute'.

It is mostly a job where you spend a night with a man, but a courtesan is on a different level from a normal prostitute.

If needed, they can head to venues where the nobles and celebrities gather, utilize their refined beauty, read poems, dance, and at times, even speak of politics, and gather attention from the public.

Being a customer of a courtesan is a pride for men.

There's no regrets for the men buying the best of women, and rather, they take that as an act to raise their own value, and they make public the fact that they passed an enjoyable night.

That is the love and beauty culture that goes around in the Water capital of Hydra Ville.

Courtesans are a part of the representative cultures of the Water capital, and it transmitted throughout the whole world like charming poetry.

Of course, there's ranks within the courtesans as well, and the highest of courtesans had popularity and respect that could rival that of the Water Founder.

In order to embrace such a woman, it would obviously require the money, but money wasn't the wall. Even if you were to prepare the money, if you don't have a high status, you wouldn't even be paid the attention and be driven out immediately.

It meant that you can't get a night with them by simply winning the lottery.

Even if you are to gather money and family status, unless the man himself has personal ability, they won't have a chance either.

Only the best of men were able to spend a night with the best of polished beauties.

The courtesan culture was so weaved into Hydra Ville that breaking that unwritten law would be unforgivable.

The beauty of the courtesans and the pleasure they provide was the pride of the Water capital.

Within all that, the best of men had bought the best of courtesans.

The name of the man is Re Azul.

The second son of a foreign trade company that has been going for four generations. In his young ages, he rode ships, overcame stormy seas, forced his way in storms, and had moved around many a trade harbour.

His eyes to see a business opportunity and his moral of never betraying trust had increased the trust their parents had for him when he was in his mid twenties by several times, and he had climbed to being a prominent figure in Hydra Ville.

At that time, that man had fallen in love with the courtesan that is said to be the ultimate supremacy.

That beauty was compared to that of a mythical Goddess, and her whole body was decorated with gems that were collected from the whole world.

The men of Hydra Ville -counting the Water Founder-were all seeking her. In the end, the only one that she herself allowed was the merchant that had personal achievements and popularity, Re Azul.

The passionate love of the best courtesan and the best young merchant had created rumors, and with that inspiration, many poems and plays were born.

The time the love of the two had flared up was without doubt the hottest and sweetest time of Hydra Ville.

But there was an end to the love of those two.

A chance to polish his retainers had come as fast as a bird falling.

With the retirement of the previous Founder, there was now a vacant spot at the highest of positions in the Water Church.

The retired Founder had personally nominated Azul as his successor.

The condition the previous Founder gave to Azul was that he should marry his daughter and make a family tie between their households.

With this as the condition, Re Azul became Ru Azul.

But he had no intentions of letting go of his true love.

Separating a political marriage and your true love that is your mistress was something that was common within the high positions of Hydra Ville.

Azul was already thinking of receiving the courtesan, who he had spent many a passionate night with, as a concubine, but at that time, she had already decided to leave the Water capital on her own will. Like a feather drifting onto the ocean.

An intelligent woman like her that had climbed up to the summit of courtesans already knew.

For Azul, who had a weak position due to marrying into his wife's family, he wouldn't be allowed a willful action like taking in a concubine.

In order to protect her own pride and the fame of the man she loves, the intelligent woman had drawn back on her own —while still having inside her womb the proof of their passionate love.

With the passing of ten months, she had given birth to that proof and was named as Celestis.

Celestis and her mother were living at a village pretty faraway from Hydra Ville.

Celestis was raised by a mom only, but her mom was once a woman that shone in the noble's society at the Water capital.

Even if she has parted from that position, she hasn't degraded, and was working at a school there. Many praised her as an iron lady, and while pouring the best of loves to her own daughter, she gave strict education to her.

It could be said that the foundation for Celestis becoming an idol hero had been cultivated here.

In time, maybe because of her lineage or her education, Celestis had been raised more intelligent than the average, and obviously began to question her

own birth.

Everyone had a mom and dad, and yet, she didn't know the face of her own father.

She only had a mother.

She had never hated her kind and strict mother, but she had the nature of getting the answers for the questions she has. Probably an hereditary trait from both of her parents.

Making deductions from things like the letters thrown into the storage room, Celestis had pinpointed her father, ended up having a big fight with her mother, went to the Water capital, and obtained permission to enter the Water Church.

Placing a condition on herself of, 'I will never reveal my personal background to my father'.

Because Celestis' mother disappeared without telling her lover that she was pregnant, her father didn't know the very fact that he had a daughter.

Due to political issues that might occur, the fact that the current Water Founder had an illegitimate child can't come to light.

Unrelated to such problematic things, Celestis simply wanted to see the face of her father, so she took the test of the Water Church, splendidly obtained a high score, and managed to join the Stream Marine corps.

Seeing the Founder stepping onto the platform to give a speech in the enrollment ceremony, Celestis had immediately fulfilled her objective.

Now that she had lost her objective, it would be tasteless to simply return without doing anything after going through the trouble of going to a big city.

At one point in time, she thought of becoming a courtesan and ruling the noble society like her mother, but as expected, even if it is high-class, a prostitute is still a prostitute.

Even Celestis got scared of suddenly jumping into such a world. And most of all, if the secret of her birth were to be revealed in the future, such a position would create troubles for her father for sure.

And so, Celestis found a new path, one that rivaled that of a courtesan, the

job that began to become popular in Hydra Ville, an idol.

With this, she can work both as a Stream Marine and an idol.

In time, it was decided that the water hero at that time, Sarasa, would be marrying and retiring. Celestis, who had passed the exam with flying colors, had declared that she would be a hero and an idol and had shocked the high-ups.

When they asked for the reason, she said 'because I want to become the ideal hero I picture', but in reality, the devilish charm that she inherited from her mother was moving her.

The mother was a courtesan, and her daughter is an idol; the two mother and daughter had fascinated the whole Water capital.

The father that obtained the highest position in Hydra Ville within all men, and the mother that obtained the highest position in Hydra Ville within all women.

Celestis, who had been born from those two, was truly the heaven-sent child of the Water capital.

The Water capital's history, customs, soul; they all dwelled inside Celestis and there's not a single factor that was unnecessary.

Her becoming the representative of the Water Church, the water hero, might have been an inevitability.

The only thing that can be said is that in this despair that has fallen upon the Water capital, it was fortunate that they had obtained the best saving hand.

## Chapter 301: The greatness of being loved

(Hoh? You say you will continue loving me? Hohohoho, what a fool.)  
(Coacervate)

As expected, the Water God, that's inside the lizard, was mocking Celestis-chan.

I -Kourin Karen-and Mirack-chan were prepared for whenever the battle resumes as we watch over the both of them.

I want to save Doraha-san who had fallen into the undiluted lifeforce pool, but making one misstep against the God Demon Lord would spell death for all of us.

Honestly speaking, I couldn't move because of fear, and I couldn't even wipe off the sweat from my forehead.

(This Coacervate has long abandoned you humans and have joined the monsters, and yet, you are still clinging onto me and try to ask for help. Humans are truly foolish living beings.) (Coacervate)

"The stupid one is you, God-sama." (Celestis)

(What did you...?! ) (Coacervate)

The scathing words of Celestis-chan made Coacervate react heavily.

(Fool, you say?! I am the most intelligent of the Six Gods of Creation, and is hailed as a cunning God!) (Coacervate)

"For a God, you lack the ability of comprehension. I said I would love you, so why did it turn into 'please save us'? I am the one giving, and you are the one receiving." (Celestis)

(What nonsense are you saying?! What does a mere human plan to provide me?! ) (Coacervate)

Isn't the God being slowly swept into the pace of Celestis-chan?

“As you are stupid, it might be hard to understand, but you are the very heart of the Water Church and Hydra Ville. For the people that have gathered below you, loving you is their very lifestyle, the very state-of-being for the city. Loving the God, and loving the people; that way of living becomes history, and builds up culture.” (Celestis)

“...!”

Hm?

Did Gabriel tremble just now?

“It is truly for the best that the Gods are faraway. To think that the Water God was such trash and an idiot to top it off; if that were known from the very beginning, no one would have joined your religion and the Water Church wouldn’t have been born. But the reality is that the Water Church already exists. The followers of the Water God and the people in it; each of them love the Coacervate-sama that lives within their own hearts, and pray to him.” (Celestis)

That is the same for the other churches and the other Gods.

By loving something that we don’t see and don’t know, we regulate ourselves.

“Loving the God is the very state-of-being of the city. As that’s the case, I - being the water hero-have to love the God that my people love. That is my way to break through the despair; my way to face you; my way of living as the water hero!!” (Celestis)

(How stupid! In the end, that’s simply you being unable to accept reality!) (Coacervate)

“The one who doesn’t see reality is you!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan, even when you are facing your God for the first time in your life, you don’t do one step back!

“Coacervate, who was sitting on the summit of Gods by being loved by the humans! It is because humans followed you that you are a God; it is because humans loved you that you are a God!! And yet, you have thrown away that position all on your own! I have never seen an idiot that’s more stupid than

you!” (Celestis)

(Damn you, little brat!! You are saying I’m an idiot?! Not only once, but twice!!) (Coacervate)

Looks like Coacervate doesn’t have much patience, he is easily provoked by Celestis-chan.

(I won’t forgive you anymore! You hero that only mocks your God! I will kill you in the name of divine punishment!!) (Coacervate)

“Wait, Coacervate.” (Gabriel)

But the enemy didn’t move.

That’s because Coacervate was one with Gabriel after all.

If the two don’t agree, the body won’t move.

“This girl said something that interested me. ‘Love builds culture’.” (Gabriel)

(And what about it?! Throw away such pointless things!) (Coacervate)

“It is not pointless. Culture is an absolute necessary for the growth of monsters. I have to get the source of it no matter what. Water hero, Celestis.” (Gabriel)

The slender body of Gabriel slowly approaches Celestis-chan.

“I ask you, what is love? In what way does it connect to building up culture?” (Gabriel)

“No well, being asked directly like that is incredibly embarrassing though.” (Celestis)

Yeah, it is indeed embarrassing!

“‘What is love’? It is something that humans have not been able to find an answer to in the thousands of years humanity has lived in..... Right, how about asking Karen-san who has lots of experience in this? She already has a long list of names for the child that she will have with her loved person after all.” (Celestis)

“Gyaaaaa!! Celestis-chan! Why do you know that?!” (Karen)

“You really did that?!” (Celestis)

Oh crap, I was baited!

While we were blabbering there, the topic began to derail.

(Eii, how stupid! Gabriel, just slaughter them all already!) (Coacervate)

“It is fine, just wait for a bit. We can turn them into undiluted lifeforce whenever. Once we do that, we will open the water gates and send them all pouring out. But before that, I want to gather a bit of information.” (Gabriel)

(Pour it all out? I won't let you do that.) (Coacervate)

“Eh?” (Gabriel)

.....?

For some reason, the state of the enemy side is strange.

Gabriel was trembling all over.

“W-What? The freedom of my body...” (Gabriel)

(We went through the trouble of gathering undiluted lifeforce. If it didn't serve me, it would be pointless. Gabriel, you have worked well doing as I said. As expected of a chick that doesn't even have 1 year since being born, even if your body is splendid, your brain is young. It saves me a lot of trouble that you are easy to control.) (Coacervate)

“W-What did you say?!” (Gabriel)

(As an extra, to think that I would be able to get the chance to become a God Demon Lord this soon. I have to be grateful to the humans for that. At any rate, now that you and I have become one, your consciousness is not needed. What's needed is your body, the massive amount of divine power of a Demon Lord!” (Coacervate)

“What are you doing?! ...Stop it! Don't enter inside of me! My consciousness... my self-consciousness that I received from my mother, Strobby Laguna is disappearing!!!” (Gabriel)

Gabriel was visibly suffering and struggling as she held her head.

But that in time stopped, and Gabriel slowly raised her head. The color of her

eyes were different.

It was as if her eyes had turned from round amphibious ones to fiendish reptilian eyes.

“With this, this body is mine.”

The intonation of her voice as well as her way of speaking were different as well.

That was the way of speaking of the voice that directly resonated into our head, of Coacervate?!

(Coacervate...! You...!!!”) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san shouts with a trembling voice.

(Did you take over the body of the Demon Lord?! Crushing its conscious, you have become the owner of that body?!) (Phalaris)

“That’s right. It went just as planned from the very beginning.” (Coacervate)

Demon Lord Gabriel’s body...Coacervate was speaking with it.

“In the end, Demon Lords are still monsters. Taking over a pseudo-lifeform with no soul is easy for a God. That’s why I have crushed the temporary conscious she had, and decided on taking her body and power that has worth.” (Coacervate)

This guy is truly the worst.

“This body is truly the one that is worthy of being of a God. I have now managed to turn into my strongest state since the Genesis Era. The soul of a God, the body of a Demon Lord, and then, the Ekhidna Spring that has several tens of thousands of humans! With all these gathered, I will become the strongest God, one that surpasses even Entropy!!” (Coacervate)

The God’s eminent virtue, the feelings of humans, the Demon Lord’s tyranny; he has trampled on all of this.

At this moment, the worst height had been born.

## Chapter 302: Arrival of the saviour

Coacervate has taken over.

Her body and power are the same; only her conscious has been blown away.

Normally, it would mean that a God has defeated a Demon Lord, and that is something to rejoice, but...I can't be happy about this at all.

That's because the first God we met directly can't be any worse than this.

(...To think that the combination of God Demon Lord itself was the trap to take over her body!) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san, who is apparently actually the Fire God Nova, was looking at this with deprecating eyes.

Receiving this gaze, the God that became a Demon Lord said this in a refreshed manner.

"Hohoho... isn't it splendid? Even Inflation wouldn't have imagined that there was this way of using the God Hero system she thought of, but that's simply because I am the most intelligent within the six Gods of Creation after all. This is what they call a victory of wits." (Coacervate)

"What are you getting all high about?! That's just wicked intelligence that comes out of lies!!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan complains, but Coacervate ignores her.

(Coacervate, a guy like you who has excessive amounts of spotlight greed still hasn't spoken enough, right? I will ask you one other thing. Why did you melt all the humans?) (Phalaris)

Phalaris takes one step forward with judgmental eyes.

(Your objective was to obtain the strongest body, in that case, you could have just deceived the Demon Lord alone. But you instead made the Demon Lord ride on your plan. You changed the tens of thousands of people in this city into

undiluted lifeforce and created such an ill-natured pool. What comes after?)  
(Phalaris)

“Hohoho, as expected, even if you are muscle-headed, you are still a God. You have noticed a nice part. Since we are old friends, I will tell you.” (Coacervate)

The God laughs viciously with the face of the Demon Lord.

“It is in order to gather prayers. For us Gods, the prayers of humans are the best quality of energy. Isn’t it a matter of course that I would want to secure a supply of that?” (Coacervate)

Saying this, Coacervate looks at the undiluted lifeforce pool lovingly.

“Humans that have turned like this are truly cute. They don’t think anything unnecessary and just silently stay there. The undiluted lifeforce has the information that comprises a human and their soul, so next, I just have to activate this part with divine power and I will be able to take the prayer energy anytime I want. This is truly the ideal state!” (Coacervate)

(You bastard! That’s...!) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san raises his voice.

(It is practically the same thing as how Mantle tried to use Grandma Wood! Due to this, she angered Entropy, and you should already know what happened to her!!) (Phalaris)

Eh?

Mantle, he says? Could that mean Mother Earth Mantle-sama?!

“Please, don’t put me on the same level as that easy to pressure woman. Also, humans will soon be eradicated by the Demon Lords. Thinking of how to recycle the trash, no matter if it is the King of Gods, Entropy, he shouldn’t have such authority to complain.” (Coacervate)

(What kind of logic is that?! ) (Phalaris)

Is Phalaris-san trembling in anger?

“Uhm...Phalaris-san? Or more like, Nova-sama? In other words, what does that mean?” (Karen)

Prayer energy? Same thing as Mantle?

There were so many questions inside of me.

(That damn God, by melting the humans into liquid, he robs them of their thoughts and emotions, and simply become tools to gather prayer energy from!! Because of this, he can supply energy as much as he wants and is in an invincible state! It really pisses me off!!) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san is truly angry from the bottom of his heart.

“You are jealous aren’t you, Nova? Oh right, you are currently the cow Phalaris-san, maybe that’s more fitting to call you? I fooled the childish Gabriel by saying that ‘it would be more grand to accumulate it all before discharging it all to the ocean’, but the objective from the very beginning was to accumulate it. This will be the source of my strength, the Ekhidna Spring.” (Coacervate)

(Do you really think Entropy will forgive that?!) (Phalaris)

“How many times do you want to have me say that the Dark God is of no matter before you can understand? I have now obtained the body of a Demon Lord and an infinite supply of human prayers. I am the strongest. If push comes to shove, I will show that I can even defeat Entropy in an upfront fight!!” (Coacervate)

(What stupidity! No matter how much strength we four Base Elements increase, we will never be able to surpass darkness in power!!) (Phalaris)

That was a conversation between Gods.

The scale was so big that I felt like my mind would go numb, but I can’t be so carefree.

“The more I hear, the more stupid my God gets.” (Celestis)

And there’s one person who doesn’t falter in front of a God!

Why is Celestis-chan so strong-willed?!

“If you want to be loved by humans, isn’t it the norm that you should make effort to be loved? And yet, you are using such a method to control them completely. This is the thought pattern of a rapist. Worse than childish.” (Celestis)

“Shut up, you brat! You still mock me?!” (Coacervate)

Coacervate controlled the body of Gabriel and directed her open hand at us.

“No matter the case, you people will become a part of the Ekhidna Spring. There’s no way you would think that I would spare you, right? Serve me use as an energy source at the very least!” (Coacervate)

“Can’t you talk about a relationship with humans without gauging loss and gains? More and more childish.” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan truly doesn’t hold back any punches!

“Even without doing that, humans would love Gods if you wish for it. What are you so scared of that you have to make everything move as you want it to?! If you are a God, stand tall and proud, and accept our love!” (Celestis)

“Shut up! I will melt you completely along with that annoying mouth of yours!” (Coacervate)

In reality, the problem is that we have no method to escape from this crisis.

The opponent is a God that has fused with a Demon Lord, a God Demon Lord. That strength of divine power is of the strongest class than anything we have met before.

Not only is it impossible to win by fighting normally, currently, the only one we can rely on is Mirack-chan who is the only one that can turn God Hero, but fire has the worst compatibility against water.

“...Oi, cow.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan asks Phalaris-san who we have now identified as Nova-sama.

“Do you think you can continue the Fire God Hero?” (Mirack)

(Of course. But are you okay with that? A God Hero, that has become one with the God, has the risk of having the God take over their body. You just saw that happen before your very eyes with that shitty God, you know?) (Phalaris)

“If you could do that, you would have done it a long time ago. No matter the case, in this situation where our only way to go against a Demon Lord is becoming a God Hero, we have to bet on that.” (Mirack)

(Even if you become a God Hero, the other side is on the same battle conditions -a God Demon Lord-, moreover, the affinity advantage is on the other side. This is not a battle you can win, you know?) (Phalaris)

“Even if that’s the case, I will do it! I am the only one that can fight right now!!” (Mirack)

(No wonder you are challenging the impossible. I like that spirit. That is the mindset of the fire, don’t care about the small things!!) (Nova)

There’s also a God and hero matching their wavelengths here.

“How sweltering. Disappear already.” (Coacervate)

Coacervate releases a high-pressure water current.

Mirack-chan faces that with her all.

“Haaaaaah!! [FLAME BURST]!!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan was already in her God Hero form, but not only was the power on different planes, the affinity was bad, so I don’t think she can win against the water current.

“Celestis-chan!! Let’s join as well!!” (Karen)

“Right. Let’s throw in a pebble into the ocean!!” (Celestis)

We also began to channel our divine power and, just as we were about to go against the Demon Lord...

A big thundering sound resonated as the giant water current became steam and disappeared?!

“Wa?! Hot! Hot! The steam is hot!!” (Celestis)

“Was the one who evaporated that water current Mirack-chan?!” (Karen)

Incredible. Being able to boil down that much water; does the Fire God Hero possess that much heat?

“...No, it wasn’t me.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan was standing shocked.

“It wasn’t only me. There was another fire from a different direction!”

(Mirack)

At the same time, something had come to the ground.

A big muscular body with fire wings spread.

“Eh?” “You are...!!”

We were shocked by the figure that we were familiar with.

“Did you save us?! Fire Demon Lord, Michael!” (Karen)

## Chapter 303: The line between Gods, humans, and demons

Michael.

He suddenly appeared and saved us.

“Fire Demon Lord and Fire God Hero...with the two fires of maximum output, they evaporated the water divine power?!” (Karen)

When the ultimate strength of a human and demon join, they can overcome the elemental weakness.

But why?

Why is a Demon Lord -that should be an enemy-saving us?

“Are your wounds okay already, Muscle Bundle?” (Mirack)

Contrary to us who were confused, Mirack-chan spoke with him in a nonchalant manner.

The two of them had fought a hard battle just the other day, so she must be talking about that.

“Don’t underestimate me. You are already at perfect shape, so why would I be the only one dragging my injuries?” (Michael)

“So, why did you save us? Aren’t humans enemies that should be eradicated?” (Mirack)

“.....”

The Fire Demon Lord remained silent and looked at the front for a while.

At that place, there’s the Gabriel who had her body taken over by Coacervate.

“...I was wondering what Gabriel was planning, so I followed her divine power trail and came all the way here, but you people were already fighting her.”  
(Michael)

Eh?

“I have already established that humans are living beings that are of interest and we should learn from. In order to learn a lot more, I decided on not acting at first and watch over your battle, but it has become a situation where I can’t keep doing that.” (Michael)

The changed Water Demon Lord was glared sharply by the Fire Demon Lord.

“Gabriel! Led astray by a wicked being, you have been caught in their trap; that’s the very definition of careless. But we are comrades under the same banner, I can’t abandon you.” (Michael)

He push out that hammer-like fist towards Gabriel.

“Wicked being, I will have you get out of Gabriel.” (Michael)

“Ha, a damn puppet is talking all high and mighty!” (Coacervate)

The face of Coacervate in Gabriel’s body had an expression of scorn that he had never shown before.

“Let me tell you since you are misunderstanding. Monsters are in the end just pseudo-lifeforms without soul. They are puppets that we Gods created in order to be useful for us. And yet, you have misunderstood your own purpose in life, and not only that, you are even trying to climb up to race supremacy. The very definition of idiocy, the very definition of avarice.” (Coacervate)

The poisonous words of Coacervate continue.

“Monsters should just continue being useful tools. In that point, this Gabriel-san is quite the nice tool. Great to be my new body. Fire Demon Lord, if you are a monster, learn your place as a tool utilized by Gods!” (Coacervate)

“Like I care.” (Michael)

Michael answers in a low voice.

It was low and hot, like charcoal fire.

“No matter what purpose we were born with, I will be deciding the path I take. In other words...!” (Michael)

Michael pushes out that giant fist forward.

“Let there be hot-bloodedness!” (Michael)

“That’s exactly right.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan stands by the side of Michael and takes a fighting stance.

“I see that you are beginning to understand the dogma of our Fire Church. Speak what you have to say with your fists; thus, it is fine to speak few words..... But, there’s the need for quite the resolve to fight that thing, you know.” (Mirack)

God Demon Lord.

A God resides in the body of a Demon Lord that originally has the ultimate divine power, and has created a system where he can absorb this prayer energy thing without limits. On top of that, the element is water. For Mirack-chan and Michael that are fire element, he is the worst of opponents.

(What is a follower of mine getting all weak-kneed for?! If it is a line between God and human, we also have one here!!) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san admonishes Mirack-chan with a rough tone.

(This is a good opportunity, so teach that damn Water God! There’s nothing that the fire of this Fire God Nova can’t burn down!! I am the Fire God Nova! The Fire God Nova that you people worship!!) (Phalaris)

“Uo? What’s gotten to you, cow? Your motivation is higher than usual.” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan says this and Nova-sama scratched the floor with his front legs as if he were uneasy.

(...It hurts, but what that water hero said had truth in it.) (Phalaris)

“Hm?”

(That ‘Gods were able to sit atop because they were loved by humans’. It is exactly as she said. After living close to humans by being Phalaris, I was finally able to realize that truth!) (Phalaris)

Phalaris-san says.

(Gods become Gods by having humans pray to them. The only one that was

omnipotent from the very beginning was Entropy. The remaining others, until we were accepted by humans, we were basically simply a part of nature. It is because you people have called us Gods that we were able to become Gods!) (Phalaris)

The Cow-san shakes his head as if he noticed something.

(Damn it! Damn it!! Why am I saying such embarrassing things?! This is the job of Entropy and Quasar!! Listen well, in other words, what I want to say is that...!!) (Phalaris)

The God speaks.

(Gods will never abandon humans!! That's because Gods don't want to be abandoned by humans either!!) (Nova)

"Hmph, you rebellious God!" (Mirack)

"This is truly hot-bloodedness!" (Michael)

Eh?

Could this possibly be...?!

No way, no way. I did think it might be happening but, is a battle about to occur where a God Hero and the Fire Demon Lord will be joining hands?!

"Let's do this, Michael! Let's test out in real combat whether fire really can't defeat water!!" (Mirack)

"This is something that can't be helped in order to save my comrade. But to think that there would be a day where I would fight together with a human; is this what the hot-bloodedness brings about!" (Michael)

The tall Mirack-chan and the big body of Michael, overwhelming flames burst out from their bodies. This was the result of Phalaris-san sending out his God power.

"I see, this is a learning experience! Between humans, Gods, and demons; all things related to fire are all muscle-headed!!" (Coacervate)

Coacervate was facing them with the stolen body.

What he was facing was a hellfire that felt as if the sun had fallen down

straight onto the planet.

“[Pleiades Burst]!!” (Mirack)

“Phoenix Hammer]!!” (Michael)

## Chapter 304: Fire vs Water

“Kyaaaa!!” (Karen)

Being hit by super high heat, I fell into hallucinating as if I was thrown into the fire.

The Fire God Hero Mirack-chan and Fire Demon Lord Michael; divine power output by these two powerhouses.

I was behind those two, in a safe place where I would definitely not be hit by their attacks, and yet, it felt as if I would be burned with just the heat waves.

Then, what happened to Coacervate who got hit directly by it?!

“Hohohoho! Hohohohohoho!!”

This disgusting laugh, could it be...?!

Coacervate was completely fine.

He is releasing a massive amount of water with both hands placed at the front.

That giant surge of water was extinguishing all the fire that Mirack-chan and Michael released?!

“This is the reason why! This is the reason why I say that the fire people are all stupid!! There’s no way fire can win against water!!” (Coacervate)

The Fire God Hero and the Fire Demon Lord, in terms of fire, these two are without doubt the best, and yet, they can’t even injure the Water Demon Lord.

Are affinities really absolute?!

“If you want to win against me, you should retreat once, and bring Mother Earth or the Earth Demon Lord! Or maybe Entropy! That’s how resourcefulness works! It is exactly because you ignore that and think something can be done through spirit and courage that you fire elements are all idiots!!” (Coacervate)

I had no words to return at what Coacervate said.

“Surrendering immediately just because you can’t match is not hot-blooded

at all! Isn't that right, Mirack?!" (Michael)

"Exactly! Resourcefulness is the word cowards use to run away! The Fire God Hero and the Fire Demon Lord; with the two summits here, running away would be an insult to the Fire God Nova!!" (Mirack)

Mirack-chan and Michael don't pull back.....or more like, why are those two so in sync?

"Aah! You idiots that can't accept reality! In that case, I will finish you all at once! The Demon Lord will die as a useless tool! And the human heroes will become true trash that can't even be recycled!!" (Coacervate)

The amount of water Coacervate released increased even more.

""Gnnngghh!!""

Mirack-chan and Michael wrung out their all in releasing fire, and with that, they evaporate the water current that attacked them, and somehow managed to bring it into a back and forth.

*Psssst!* the steam created from that evaporation had covered the surroundings, and even when it is an open place, it felt as if it were a sauna.

"Hohohoho! Even if a Demon Lord and God Hero come at me, I am currently the combination of those two, a God Demon Lord!! Even if you come at me together, there's no chance to win!!" (Coacervate)

Coacervate had a lot of leisure, as if saying he could break this stalemate anytime he wanted.

"While at it, let me tell you something nice. I can receive infinite energy from that Ekhidna Spring over there. It is undiluted life force made of several thousands of humans after all." (Coacervate)

It is true. I can somewhat tell there's some sort of energy drifting from that red-purplish pool and heading towards Coacervate!

"The power of a God Demon Lord and infinite energy, on top of that, the elemental affinity. There's these many factors in my favor. And yet, you are ignoring all that and fighting me; what other word to describe that but idiotic?" (Coacervate)

*Fsssst!!* the water steam rises violently. To the point that we couldn't see their fighting figure from where we were.

"Damn it! The energy flowing into that Water God, it is the same as the one in the battle at Muspelheim! In other words, the thing that strengthened the cow, the power of human emotions!" (Mirack)

Mirack-chan also sees that energy.

But, ah geez! Because the water steam is getting thicker and thicker, I see less and less!

My vision is all white!

"Now then, this is the end. Curse your own stupidity as you die!!"  
(Coacervate)

"The idiot is you~!!"

Eh?!

That voice is Celestis-chan?!

Where are you? I can't see at all because of the steam!

"Here! I am here!" (Celestis)

When I strain my eyes, Celestis-chan was crouched at the corner of the reserve pond and had both her arms inside the undiluted lifeforce.

...No, wait a moment...

Celestis-chan is missing both arms?!

"You bastard! You changed both your arms into undiluted lifeforce on your own will?!" (Coacervate)

"I am the water hero, the best divine power user of the Church! Melting my body into liquid seems to be easier than turning it back!" (Celestis)

But why are you doing that, Celestis-chan?!

"By mixing a part of my body into the undiluted lifeforce, you plan on linking with the Ekhidna Spring, right?! And with that, interfere with my energy recharge!" (Coacervate)

Coacervate had seen through the aim of Celestis-chan and was agitated by it.

I see. At any rate, if we manage to cut off the endless supply of energy, Mirack-chan and Michael will have a better chance.

“Too bad, you are wrong! It is the contrary!!” (Celestis)

““Eh?!””

I ended up raising a voice of surprise together with Coacervate.

What does that mean, Celestis-chan?!

“Didn’t I say?! I would love you! That is the same for the tens of thousands living in Hydra Ville! The people that are currently melted into liquid, the pure religious faith they have towards you, their love! I will bring them all out and hit them right at you!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan linked up with the undiluted lifeforce for that sake?!

Utilizing the energy supply he absorbs in such a way!

“Now then, I wonder if the filthy you can endure the most beautiful parts of the human heart! Don’t you want to try it too?!” (Celestis)

“How stupid! No matter what part you kidnap of the human heart, it is all dirty!! What you are trying to do is fruitless effort!” (Coacervate)

“In that case, let’s put that fruitless effort to practice!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan shouts with spirit as the red-purplish undiluted lifeforce shone brightly.

The same time as this happened, a massive amount of energy gushed forth.

All of this pure energy gathered went directly at Coacervate...!

.....

...or not.

“Heh?” “Eh?” “Huh?” “Wa?!” “Na?!” “Oh?” (What the?!)

Everyone raised a dumbstruck voice as they watch over this unexpected situation.

The beautiful emotion energy, that Celestis-chan released, stopped in mid-air

and becomes a sphere of firm shape.

The strange happenings continued.

The steam that was created from the clash between Mirack-chan and Michael against Coacervate; this steam was filling up the place, but that steam went towards the sphere and gathers at one point.

“What?! What is happening?!” (Celestis)

No one could understand what was happening and can’t explain it.

In time, the abnormality entered the last stage.

The gathered steam was absorbed by the sphere of human energy and took form.

It was like the silhouette of a person.

The steam shaped like a human was floating in the air?!

This steam human was formed from the beautiful parts of the human heart as its core...

“...What? What are you?!” (Celestis)

The question must have been because it was shaped as a human.

There’s no way it would respond; that’s what I thought, but the steam human unexpectedly answered.

(I am...a God.)

Eh?!

(I am...the Water God, Coacervate.)

The more I hear, the more confusing it gets!!

(There are times when the Water God gets divided. Water acts in different ways and changes accordingly. Water that always stays liquid; cool it and it turns into ice; heat it and it becomes steam. There's no other than water who can be so many things.) (Coacervate)

(N-Now that he mentions it...!!) (Nova)

Wa?!

Nova-sama seems to have reacted to that?!

(I remember now! Something like this happened before once! Coacervate increasing by two!!) (Nova)

"R-Really?!" (Karen)

(...That was not long when the five Grand Churches were made. Stealing each other's believers, we Gods were fighting fiercely as well. Within all that, Quasar and I were pissed off at how dirty Coacervate's way of doing things was, so we tagged forces and beat him up) (Nova)

Eh...

Gods had such a bad relationship?!

(Quasar has the ability to strengthen fire. Using this, my fire burst had boiled down that damn Coacervate, but from the water steam that was made, a new Coacervate was born, just like now.) (Nova)

"No way." (Karen)

(The new Coacervate and the originally existing Coacervate fought each other, and in the end, the previous one killed the new one. It was apparently possible because they are of the same cloth though. Moreover, the new Coacervate was such a good guy to the point that you would think 'are you actually Coacervate?' and provided things like protection, support, and instructions to his own church!) (Nova)

Nova-sama ended it with 'now that I think about it, this served as a big reformation to the Water Church'.

He is a good guy?

That Coacervate is?!

(We Coacervates are the Water God. The symbol of water is purity. All filth is washed by water. But if you change the way of seeing it, it could also be said that all filth gets accumulated in the water. I, who rule over water, am the God that gets affected the most from the filth that's created by humans and nature.) (Coacervate)

Is what the steam Coacervate says.

(That's why, having accumulated filth, he ended up in that wicked way. That Coacervate over there is the accumulation of more than several hundred years of pollution.) (Coacervate)

"What are you saying as you wish?! What are you then?!" (Coacervate)

(There's two ways to take out the impurities of water. Filtration or distillation. One of those that is distillation; by boiling the water once, it is divided into impurity and steam, and by having the steam return to liquid, it goes back to being pure. This is what happened to me.) (Coacervate)

"Then, could it be...?!" (Karen)

I was reminded about the simultaneous attack of Mirack-chan and Michael not that long ago.

The water attack of Coacervate was evaporated on and on and became steam.

With the strong fires of these two powerhouses, a massive amount of steam was made, and this wasn't simple water steam, it was water divine power released from the very Water God. You could even say that it is part of Coacervate's body.

That gathered and took form into a new Coacervate —leaving the Coacervate that is purely filth.

(In a sense, I am the distilled Coacervate. And the one over there is...!) (Coacervate)

The steam finger points at the possessed Gabriel.

(Polluted Coacervate.) (Coacervate)

“Polluted! Polluted, you say?! Are you saying that about me?!” (Coacervate)

(You must have had a time in the past where you were pure. But after several hundreds of years absorbing filth, that filth reached your heart. It looks like even your memories of the past were contaminated. You even forgot that a new you is born when you are distilled. What a pitiful one.) (Coacervate)

“W-What are you speaking all high and mighty for?!” (Coacervate)

(But simply by separating filthy water and steam wouldn’t be enough to make me appear —without the power of human emotions which serves as my foundation, or so to say, prayer energy.) (Coacervate)

Ignoring the polluted Coacervate, the distilled Coacervate-sama looks at the side. At that place, there’s Celestis-chan.

(My hero Celestis, it is thanks to you extracting the pure feelings of the people of Hydra Ville and giving it to me. It is because you continued loving me that I was able to exist.) (Coacervate)

“N-No well...! I didn’t expect even in my dreams that something like this would happen!” (Celestis)

(I thought that you were a genius of being loved, but that wasn’t the only thing. Even if you were missing that, you are a strong hearted girl.) (Coacervate)

What to do. The distilled Coacervate-sama is overflowing with divinity.

If this continues, I might end up joining the Water Church.

(But hero, this is not the end. In order to save my children, the Water people, and overcome this crisis, we have to defeat the pitiful Demon Lord that has been taken over by the filthy me. Will you please lend me your strength?) (Coacervate)

“O-Of course! It is the duty of a hero to fight for the sake of the Water God and the Water Church!!” (Celestis)

Maybe Celestis-chan is feeling something from that steam Coacervate-sama like me, or it might be even stronger than that, she showed eyes of complete trust towards him.

Celestis-chan restores her arms and takes it out from the undiluted lifeforce.

(Then, Celestis, you understand what needs to be done in order to do that, right? This is the moment where you have to shoulder my power!) (Coacervate)

“Eh? Does that mean...!” (Celestis)

It looks like Celestis-chan couldn't digest completely what he said, so the distilled Coacervate-sama declares loudly.

(You are going to become one! The Water God Hero!!) (Coacervate)

## Chapter 306: A battle of four sides

At that moment, Celestis-chan changed.

An incredible amount of water divine power release. Her very body had turned transparent like water, as if she had become a Water Goddess.

It is not an intense transformation like that of my God Hero mode or the one of Mirack-chan; but the tranquility it lets out is overwhelming!

“This is...a God Hero!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan had obtained a new power.

As if confirming her own state, she looked at herself for a while, but...she suddenly disappeared.

“Guuaaaah?!” (Coacervate)

Is what I thought when, suddenly, he was blown away?!

The punch that was nailed at his stomach was without doubt the fist of the Water God Hero, Celestis-chan.

Celestis-chan had approached Coacervate at a speed that couldn't be caught with the eyes and had connected an attack?!

“Incredible! My whole body feels as if it has become running water and I can move like a flow!! Moreover, these overflowing emotions!!” (Celestis)

You can't stop flowing water, you can't catch it either.

“Looks like the current is now flowing in our favor. The God-sama that is filled with filth, I will have you leave the stage.” (Celestis)

“How conceited!” (Coacervate)

“Now that the new Coacervate-sama has come to the stage, I have no obligation to love you. Sorry, but the love of Celestis-chan is expensive. I can't sell it cheap to two Gods!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan continues her pursue.

A barrage of punches hit Coacervate without missing a single one.

The Fire Cow and the steam person watch over this.

(Oi, are you okay, Coacervate?) (Nova)

The distilled Coacervate-sama answers this.

(Yeah, Nova. I knew it beforehand, but the burden the God takes when using God Hero mode is quite big. In this state where my body has just been formed, it is tough...!) (Coacervate)

The God Hero mode was something that placed a burden to the God?!

Nova-sama and Coacervate-sama are also fighting with us in order to make Mirack-chan and Celestis-chan into God Heroes!

(I am grateful for your worry, Nova. Looks like you have changed quite a lot after interacting with humans.) (Coacervate)

(Y-Yeah...) (Nova)

Phalaris-san is getting flustered.

And while that happened, the other side continued.

“This is a chance!! Let’s beat it down at once!!” (Mirack)

“If we make the enemy into steam, I have judged that this will make the new Water God stronger! We will burn it down with our firepower!!” (Michael)

Mirack-chan and Michael attack the polluted Coacervate with an unexpected combination as well.

“Hiyaaaaa!!” (Coacervate)

The polluted Coacervate falls back out of fear and Michael draws closer.

“Wicked God, I will have you return Gabriel!!” (Michael)

“What are you barking about, you mere tool! You bastards are existences solely for the sake of being used by us Gods! No soul! No self-consciousness! Kuhahahaha!!” (Coacervate)

While fighting Michael through fists and words, polluted Coacervate laughs in

a repulsive manner.

“...That’s right. Even if you liberate this body, I have already crushed the self-conscious of Gabriel to pieces before taking over her body.” (Coacervate)

“What?!” (Michael)

“If she were a human, it would be possible to reform it by utilizing the storage of the soul that humans have, but for monsters, that’s impossible. That’s because they are pseudo-lifeforms with no soul after all! The moment she lost her body, this body has died, and has become just a skin of divine power!!” (Coacervate)

“Don’t mess around!!” (Michael)

The Phoenix Hammer that was released from both arms of Michael blows away the polluted Coacervate as it boils him.

But to think that he could fight against the water element he is weak against to this extent; as expected of a Demon Lord, he is powerful.

(Looks like your power is decreasing! The filthy one!) (Nova)

(His power has been divided into him and me after all. The control rights of the Ekhidna Spring’s energy has also been completely stolen away from him, so his supply is zero. Right now, his divine power is most likely on the level of a normal Demon Lord.) (Coacervate)

No wait, a normal Demon Lord is still on a whole different plane of strength though.

Is this what they call power creep? Is this power creeping?

“[Pleiades Burst]!!” (Mirack)

“Gaaah!!” (Coacervate)

Being burned by Mirack-chan as well, Coacervate lets out steam from his whole body.

“Further mercilessness!! See and learn; the God Hero mode’s [Water Beheading Blade – Dragon Dance]!!” (Celestis)

“Aaah!!” (Coacervate)

Celestis-chan also joins in the follow-up, swiftly dancing into the battlefield and conjuring storm of water blades.

Coacervate tried to stop this similar to how Gabriel did last time with Sarasan, but this time, the water blade storm easily cuts down on Coacervates barrier and assaults him.

The polluted Coacervate was already crawling.

“T-This is unfair! Ganging up on me alone with so many numbers!! I won’t play along with you people anymore. When in disadvantage, retreat at once. The speed in decision is a trait of the cunning!” (Coacervate)

(You plan on running away?!)(Nova)

Polluted Coacervate shows signs of retreating.

We all were agitated by this.

“You think I will let you escape so easily? You still haven’t returned the body of Gabriel!” (Michael)

“If we were to let a rotten guy like you escape, who knows what kind of evil plan you will cook up later!! I will definitely put an end to this right here!” (Celestis)

Michael and Celestis-chan were also completely in the mode of the enemy of my enemy is my ally.

It would be difficult to escape from these two.

“Ooh, scary scary. In that case, I will be using a card of my own.” (Coacervate)

The eyes of the lizard that is adhered to the body of Gabriel were shining.

At the same time as this happened, some sort of metallic sound reverberated?!

“This sound...”

“Could it be...?!”

We direct our gaze faraway. At a part of the reserve pond that is filled with undiluted lifeforce, at that big metallic watergate!

“The watergate is opening!!” (Karen)

This is bad! If the watergate opens, the undiluted lifeforce will pour into the ocean!

If it mixes with the ocean water, we can't return them to humans!!

“Hohohoho!! Oh no, this is terrible! What will the hero of humans do?! Don't mind me and do your honorable job!” (Coacervate)

“You...! Just how dirty can you get!” (Celestis)

“I am also pained in losing this Ekhidna Spring I took so much trouble to get, but...well, there's still a lot of humans. A new Ekhidna Spring can be made! Let's just consider it fruitful that I have obtained this body!!” (Coacervate)

The polluted Coacervate was channeling his divine power and preparing his escape.

No good! At this rate, the polluted Coacervate will escape!

But if we were to chase after him, the people that have been made into undiluted lifeforce...!

But that problem was resolved in an unexpected manner.

“...Karen-sama!!”

The watergate was opening, and yet...the undiluted lifeforce is not pouring out?

From the opened space of the gate, a new black wall was stopping the purplish red water.

A black wall?! A shadow wall!!

“Doraha-san!!” (Karen)

Doraha-san, who had been defeated and thrown into the reserve pond, has created a wall of shadow!

“I will take care of this! Defeat the enemy!!” (Doraha)

She should be heavily injured, and yet...she is enduring that as she fights her own battle!

“Damn you!! You ancient resident that doesn’t know when to die!!”  
(Coacervate)

“I won’t forgive you! You jellied fish Water God!!” (Celestis)

Polluted Coacervate had been distracted by Doraha-san for a moment, and in that opening, Celestis-chan had approached him!!

“[Water Beheading Blade – Dragon Dance]!!” (Celestis)

With the strongest technique of her senior that she has completely mastered now, she attacks her hated enemy.

“GAAAHHH!!” (Coacervate)

Coacervate quickly made a temporary water shield as he immediately retreats. He runs about trying to escape with the body of Gabriel.

At that escape path, the Demon Lord Michael awaited.

“Wa?!” (Coacervate)

Changing directions, there was now Mirack-chan waiting.

“Hiiih!” (Coacervate)

Everytime he tried to change directions, no matter where he tried to escape...

“No! I don’t want a conclusion like this! I won’t lose! The intelligent me, a cunning God like me, there’s no way a pathetic defeat like this could be possible!” (Coacervate)

At any rate, his strong desire of escaping doesn’t seem like it will be fulfilled.

That’s why he arrived at this point in the end.

“I am the Water God, Coacervate!” (Coacervate)

“No, you have lost that position already.” (Karen)

“Eh?”

And he has arrived under me -Kourin Karen.

It is true that I am the weakest one here, but it is a mistake to think that I will be easily letting you escape!

“A God that has lost its respect from humans is not a God. You who have denied your connection has lost your right as a God.” (Karen)

In other words, a kind of demonic spirit.

“That’s why, I will defeat you. As a hero under a God.” (Karen)

I can’t just stay a bystander in this battle.

*Slash*, my holy sword cuts off the lizard that was adhered to the forehead of Gabriel.

## Chapter 307: Water Saint

<TLN: For easier understanding, Distilled Coacervate will get the Makotwo treatment.>

Like this, the polluted Coacervate was cut off from the body of Gabriel.

That existence returned to being a small lizard monster and was completely powerless.

(T-Take your hands off me! Get them off!) (Coacervate)

Even with that, it tried to escape which can be considered praiseworthy.

The small body of the lizard was tightly caught in my hands and was struggling around, but I won't let you escape no matter what.

Just that...

"Ueee~. I am touching a lizard~! It feels so disgusting~!!" (Karen)

It is slimy, it is wiggling around, and its stomach is bright red.

Even if it was on the spur of the moment, why did I grab on a lizard?! ...Ah right, it is a newt.

"Hih, it is so disgusting I might cry... Celestis-chan, trade places with me~!" (Karen)

"Gyaaa! Yuck yuck! Don't bring it here!! But don't let it go by any means. The bastard would escape after all!" (Celestis)

Celestis-chan is a tyrant.

And on the other hand, there were also people who were serious.

Michael; now that the polluted Coacervate has been cut off and Gabriel is supposed to have been released, he silently carried her up.

"Michael..." (Mirack)

Mirack-chan approaches from behind anxiously.

"..."

Michael simply looked at Gabriel without saying anything.

If what the polluted Coacervate said was correct, the conscious of Gabriel has been crushed and won't be able to awaken again.

The ones without soul can't regain a conscious that has died out.

That's why Gabriel won't wake up ever again...

"Michael!" (Mirack)

Mirack-chan calls Michael again worried.

Michael's shoulders trembled slightly.

"So it is true. Does this mean we really are fake lifeforms with no soul?! Being born as tools of the Gods, do we have no way of living other than fulfilling our destiny?! Gabriel, if you had been a human, you would have easily woken up, and yet, in your current self, are you unable to wake up?!" (Michael)

Michael's monologue was painful.

We could also tell that.

"...Hngh, what? So noisy."

"Eh?!"

Is what I thought, but Gabriel woke up.

As if she had woken up from her sleep, her body trembled as she stretched.

"...Eh? Why did I lost consciousness? ...Ah, right! That little lizard, making a fool out of this Demon Lord!! I will make sure to make him pay—! Wait, Michael? Why are you here?" (Gabriel)

Gabriel was more energetic than we expected, and Michael looked at this absentminded. But he soon pushed that fist strongly to the sky.

"Ooooooh!!" (Michael)

And releases a roar directed at the heavens.

"Did you see that, Gods?! The monsters! The monsters are not pseudo-lifeforms! We have a soul and a heart!!" (Michael)

Gabriel waking up must mean that.

“We are not bound by destiny anymore!! We decide our lives on our own and we will grow far and high! Watch as we do that! You Gods that reside in the heavens!!” (Michael)

(The God is here...he is over here!) (Nova)

Phalaris-san approaches around Michael's legs.

“Michael!” (Mirack)

“Mirack!” (Michael)

Gah.

Mirack-chan and Michael hugged each other?!

“I have thought this before but...why are those two getting along so well?”  
(Celestis)

“It must be that... It is probably the Fire Church's trademark ‘after a one on one, we are friends’...” (Karen)

We could only watch over this abnormal scene.

(It is not exclusive for Gods and humans; the demons are also stepping into a new era.) (Coacervatwo)

“Ah, the good Coacervate-sama.” (Karen)

The God that formed the silhouette of a human said this.

(No, as long as the humans, Gods, and demons are living in the same world, they are all heading towards a new era huh. It might be nonsensical to divide them in humans and monsters.) (Coacervatwo)

Coacervate-sama was looking at this world in a positive manner.

Oh my, so Godlike.

(My hero, Celestis. The one who paved this was you.) (Coacervate)

“C-Come again?!” (Celestis)

(You joined hands with the heroes of the other churches and stepped across old boundaries. That's why the old walls around the world are beginning to crumble. This Water God Coacervate is also a part of this change of old to new.)

(Coacervatwo)

“No no no! That’s too much of an honor. Also, the one who proposed the Hero Alliance was that light hero over there that only thinks with her womb.”  
(Celestis)

Who is thinking with her womb?!

Celestis-chan, your way of speaking is leaping over boundaries too!

(Celestis, please continue being the singing and dancing hero of the Water Church that heals people all over the world. I love your singing.) (Coacervate)

(He is so clean it is shocking.) (Nova)

Phalaris-san, who was looking at this from the side, said this mixed with a shudder.

(...Well then, it is about time to put an end to this.) (Coacervatwo)

“Yes! We are returning the undiluted lifeforce to their previous human selves, right?” (Celestis)

Distilled Coacervate-sama and Celestis-chan; they both face towards the reserve pond that’s filled with purplish red liquid.

By the way, the watergate has already been closed once again and Doraha-chan is splattered on the floor over there.

(...Before that, it is beginning to get tough to affect the surface world with this body. I will also take form like the others.) (Coacervatwo)

The distilled Coacervate-sama raises his steam hands and something surfaced from the undiluted lifeforce.

“That is...a monster?!” (Karen)

A monster that has a size and shape quite close to that of a human appeared. But it doesn’t move an inch, as if it were sleeping.

(T-That’s...!!) (Coacervate)

The small lizard inside my hand began to struggle again and it was disgusting!

(In preparation for the time when, by some stroke of luck, Entropy was gone

for good, I created that Mephistopheles MkII! You bastard, what are you doing without my permission?! (Coacervate)

(But in the time when you were planning to take over the body of Gabriel, you decided that it was not needed anymore and threw it away, right? In that case, I will pick it up.) (Coacervatwo)

Distilled Coacervate-sama lost form, became shapeless mist, and entered the monster.

The eyes of the monster, that looked like a doll without soul, gained light.

“...Water Demon, Mephistopheles. No, as a guardian living together with humans, the name water demon would not be fitting.... I will be calling myself the Water Saint Mephistopheles, not out of arrogance, but to separate from my past and to remind me of it!!” (Coacervatwo)

Incredible!

The monster that had a dirty color like that of sludge had become clear and pure?!

Are you saying this is how it looks when the soul of a God enters a monster?!

“Now then, my hero Celestis, this is the moment to show your evolution as the Water God Hero.” (Coacervatwo)

“Yes!!” (Celestis)

Celestis-chan returns to being God Hero once again and, with her transparent body like that of water, she throws herself into the undiluted lifeforce?!

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What are you planning on doing, Celestis-chan?!

After turning into God Hero mode, Celestis-chan was mixing with the undiluted lifeforce?!

“Link with the undiluted lifeforce is finished! Wait for a bit, okay? I will make you people remember the place where you should be!” (Celestis)

“Let’s go, Celestis!” (Coacervatwo)

Coacervate-sama, who is now in the body of Mephistopheles, pours divine power into Celestis-chan -a massive amount of it.

“God and human...the two mix like water and fish, and they swim freely around. Water, become my freedom!!” (Celestis)

A massive amount of divine power control from the Water God Hero!

“Water technique [Water Sync]!!” (Celestis)

As if in concert with the shout of Celestis-chan, the undiluted lifeforce filling the reserve pond shone all at once!

Humans began to come out from the water surface as if being pushed out by that light!

“Eh?”

...They are coming out!

“Hya?!” “Wa?!” “Wow wow?!” “Mama?!” “What about the Demon Lord?!”

Incredible! The people changed into undiluted lifeforce are steadily returning!

At this pace, it will take only a few hours before the tens of thousands of people return to normal.

Just a few moments ago, Celestis-chan was shocked by the amount of divine power it expended to make this possible, and yet, with the God Hero power,

she is managing it so quickly!

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In the end, it didn't take even an hour to return all humans to normal.

"Papa!!" (Celestis)

With her God Hero mode released, Celestis-chan hugs her father, the Water Founder-sama.

The Founder-sama was also one of the people that were saved from the danger of the undiluted life force.

"Ooh! Celestis!! You saved everyone, didn't you? As expected of the water hero!" (Azul)

The Water Founder-sama hugs his daughter.

The residents of Hydra Ville were turned into liquid, but now that they have returned safely, they were confused by the strange thing that happened to their bodies and were happy at each other's safety.

"My beloved children..." (Coacervate)

Mephistopheles speaks as he floats in mid-air.

"Wa?! Is that a monster?!" (Azul)

"That's not it, Papa. It is Coacervate-sama who has descended upon this plane by borrowing the body of a monster." (Celestis)

"What?!" (Azul)

The gaze of the Water God is directed at the Water Founder-sama.

"The 193th Water Founder, Ru Azul; a person who has reached the peak of spirit, wits, and love, being able to meet you directly is a joy." (Coacervate)

"That's too much of an honor! Receiving praise directly from our God, as a follower of Water, there's no greater joy!" (Azul)

The Water Founder-sama prostrates without hesitation.

"Your daughter has inherited your passion to be loved, and inherited her mother's intelligence to make others love her; being able to have a hero like her

in this era was the luckiest of things.” (Coacervate)

““Thanks for your words of praise!””

The Founder and hero were prostrated at the grateful words of their God. The same as the thousands of Hydra Ville residents.

“And the Water believers living in the Water capital, thank you for your love. The reason why I was able to take off my filth was because of your love. Humans have saved their God. That’s why I, as your God, pledge to save you people as well... The same goes for you, Water Demon Lord, Gabriel.”  
(Coacervate)

The gaze of the God changed for the last time, and it was directed at the culprit of this incident, the Demon Lord Gabriel.

Due to being beaten up while her body was taken over by Coacervate, her whole body was in tatters.

“W-What is it?!” (Gabriel)

Even with that, it seems like she had her pride as the head of the monsters, her attitude was obstinate.

“A monster that was created by the Gods at first as a tool and has reached the point where you have your own will. You people have surpassed the framework of us Gods. A race that has surpassed the frameworks of Gods is already a splendid lifeform. I bless the evolution of you people.” (Coacervate)

“?!”

“If possible, I don’t want you to use your evolution in order to wage war, but for coexistence. The ocean is vast and generous. There’s no doubt it will accept two fishes swimming in it.” (Coacervate)

And then, Coacervate-sama gave a closing to it.

“Light hero, please pass the polluted me here.” (Coacervate)

“Ah, y-yes!” (Karen)

Being suddenly called, I present the lizard I had in my hand.

I was finally freed from the wriggling inside my hand, but I don’t think the

goosebumps will be disappearing all day!

(Giieee!! What are you going to do?! I am you, you know!!) (Lizard)

The lizard was moved to the hand of Coacervate-sama.

Ignoring the wailing lizard, Coacervate-sama speaks to Cow-san this time.

“Nova, I am thinking about meeting old friends. Want to accompany me?”  
(Coacervate)

(Ah, okay.) (Nova)

Phalaris-san was probably the one who couldn't follow the situation the most.

“Celestis, Gabriel, and the Water believers under me, I will be taking my leave for now, but I am always by your side. In difficult situations, please remember me. Remember that your God is always by your side.” (Coacervate)

The Water God inside the body of a monster, the Fire God that is inside a cow; their legs began to separate from the ground.

“O-Oi cow?!” (Mirack)

Mirack-chan hurriedly calls out Phalaris-san who was floating.

(I will be accompanying him for a small walk. I will be eating when I return, so don't you dare clean up the carrots at my hut.) (Nova)

Leaving those words, the Gods left.

This big incident, where Gods have directly stated their presence to us for the first time, has been safely resolved in this way.